

## 30,000 HEAR WALLACE RIP TRUMAN DOCTRINE

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### Back to the United Nations, Says Wallace

Henry Wallace, speaking at Madison Square Garden last night, denounced the "Truman Doctrine" as endangering peace. He called for international cooperation through the United Nations to solve all present problems. The text of Wallace's speech is printed below:

We are here tonight because we want peace.

We are here tonight because we mean to have peace.

We are here tonight to state that the Truman Doctrine endangers peace.

We are here tonight to assert that peace requires Americans to reject that doctrine and reaffirm their faith in a strong United Nations.



WALLACE

Our soldiers did not win one war to fight another. Our workers and farmers toiled for freedom, not for fear. Our dead did not bequeath to their children a legacy of death.

The world is hungry. The world cries out, not for American tanks and guns to destroy more lives and leave more hunger, but for American plows and food to fulfill the promise of peace.

#### CONSECRATED TO IDEAL

The world is afraid. The world cries out, not for an American crusade in the name of hatred and fear of communism, but for a world crusade in the name of the brotherhood of man.

All of America's history was consecrated to that ideal. It was tested and proved in a great civil war. Twice in this generation Americans have fought for a free humanity. Today we come to a turning in freedom's road. Today America is in danger of turning aside.

In the name of crisis the President asks America to help the governments of Greece and Turkey.

In the name of crisis America is asked to ignore the world tribunal of the United Nations and take upon herself the role of prosecutor, judge, jury—and sheriff—what a role!

In the name of crisis facts are withheld, time is denied, hysteria is whipped up. The Congress is asked to rush through a momentous decision as if great armies were already on the march. I hear no armies marching. I hear a world crying out for peace.

Once a President of the United States faced the dissolution of the Union itself—a real crisis. "My countrymen one and all," said Abraham Lincoln, "think calmly and well upon this whole subject. If there be an object to hurry any of you in hot haste to a step which you would never take deliberately, that object will be frustrated by taking time; but no good object can be frustrated by it."

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Three Pittsburgh miners examine the picture, published on this page yesterday of women mourners at Centalla, as they prepared to halt work for a week beginning today. Sentiment is growing for a shutdown until Interior Secretary Krug and Illinois mines director Medill are removed. (See stories page 3).

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## 'Rent Control' Bill Crippled by Senate Group



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# Big 4 to Seek Accord At Closed Session

MOSCOW, March 31.—The Big Four Foreign Ministers will go into a closed session tomorrow to work out agreement on a peace for Germany. The decision to get down to business on the German problem came after a sharp exchange between Secretary of State

George C. Marshall and Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov over economic unification and reparations.

Marshall categorically rejected Molotov's position that any solution of the German problem must include a solution of the reparations problem.

Referring to the Soviet Union's request for reparations from current production, Marshall said: "This looks very much to us as though the Soviet Union is trying to sell the same horse twice."

"Unless we can have a real meeting of minds and a real desire to carry out both the spirit and the letter of our agreement," Marshall went on, "it were better if none were reached."

## CRITICIZES FRANCE

Marshall said the Potsdam agreement had provided for economic unification.

He also criticized France for asking for Ruhr coal as its condition for accepting Germany's economic unification.

Molotov told Marshall that he misrepresented the Soviet position that the U. S. had never been occupied by enemy-troops during the war.

"If I were an American I should not recall so often the question of reparations," Molotov said.

Molotov declared that the provisions of the Yalta agreement for \$20,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany, half to go to the USSR, still stood in force.

Marshall argued that Germany's industrial capacity should go to rebuild "the network of trade on which European prosperity depends."

Referring to the Soviet Union's proposal to end deficits in Germany's trade balance, Marshall said this could be done only by reducing food imports.

## SUGGESTS REFORMS

Molotov declared that the Soviet Union did not want to decrease, but to increase the food ration.

If the U. S. and Britain carried out land reform in their zones, he

said, the food situation would improve.

"We are all here to resolve and not to accentuate our differences," Marshall finally told the conference. "The United States recognizes that its responsibilities in

Europe will continue and it is more concerned in building solidly than in building fast."

Later he said that the U. S. would renew its proposal for a 40-year Four-Power draft treaty for Germany.

## WALLACE TEXT

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We too must think calmly and well upon this whole subject.

## NEWS TO TRUMAN?

Nineteen days ago the President of the United States told the Congress that the people of Greece were hungry and needed our help. Was this news to the President? Or to the Department of State which advises him?

Every responsible member of the Government has known since the war ended that Greece lay in ruins and that famine was at the throat of her people. Every responsible member of the Government and every member of Congress knows today the hunger, poverty, the devastation which rides over Poland, Italy, Yugoslavia, the Ukraine and White Russia. Seventy percent of the livestock of Poland has been destroyed. The children of Italy and Yugoslavia wear rags for clothes. Millions of the people of central Europe have no shoes to wear. Ten million people in the Ukraine are homeless.

Do these facts constitute a crisis? Or is a man's belly empty only when his mind is full—full of approved thoughts?

The welfare of all peoples is our concern! Famine anywhere endangers plenty everywhere! Progress anywhere helps progress everywhere. Action to help the world must help America. But not the action the President proposes. The needs of a desperate people are being exploited, just as the generosity of the Americans is being exploited—for other ends.

The truth is that the President and his Republic backers are less

concerned with the need of the Greek people for food than with the need of the American Navy for oil. The plan to contain communism is second to that need. For every glamorous admiral who boasts, it is "nobody's damn business where we go," there are ten drab but practical procurement officers to add, "and we'll get there with Middle East oil."

## RICH IN OIL

America is rich in oil but thinks she needs more for the greatest navy and air force in the world. When Britain competes for these resources, we settle our differences as friends. When Russia, competes for them we sound a fire alarm and thank God for the atom bomb. Why? Great nations including Russia and America struggled for oil long before there were Communists in the Kremlin.

Poverty, which causes communism, will be ended not by beating drums of hatred, but by world planning.

I shall not blame America alone for present tensions, and I shall criticize Russia when I think Russia is wrong. But I do assert that a great part of our conflict with Russia is the normal conflict between two strong and sovereign nations and can be solved in normal ways.

When some Americans assert that it is hopeless to seek an agreement with Russia on the Balkans and the Middle East, I answer, how do we know? A program for United Nations development in the Balkans and Middle East has not been tried.

As for Russia's possible use of the veto, we can no more justify a position to bypass the United Nations on that ground than a private citizen can justify a decision to take the law in his own hands because he fears he may not have a fair trial in the court established to determine his rights.

If we took the matter to the United Nations and the Russians exercised their veto, the moral burden would be on them. When we act independently outside the framework of the United Nations, the moral burden is upon us.

It is sheer nonsense to assert that we have sought solutions through cooperation. America and Britain have divided the oil of the Middle East as though we were the Conquerors and Lord Protectors of The Realm. At Yalta we solemnly agreed that Turkey's grip on the Dardanelles would be loosened by mutual consultation after victory. At Potsdam we reaffirmed that agreement. Not one step has been taken in eighteen months of peace.

In the long and bitter winter of

1947, the world agency which could have saved lives and prevented misery was killed. Almost all of the United Nations except America and Britain supported Fiorello LaGuardia's plan to save UNRRA. The defeat of that plan was a world tragedy.

Through months of inaction the Congress strangled the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The President countersigned its death warrant. Now we are told that America must act alone in Greece and Turkey because there isn't time to create a United Nations Agency for relief and rehabilitation.

In the Assembly of the United Nations, Senators Vandenberg and Connally said that nothing could be done to free the Spanish people because the United Nations had no right to interfere in the internal affairs of any nation. By what right do these same Americans justify unilateral interference in the affairs of Greece and Turkey?

The administration and its Republican supporters argue that we must intervene alone in Greece because the United Nations is too weak to act. I have not forgotten the appeasement of Hitler. I remember that every betrayal of world solidarity against Hitler by Daladier and Chamberlain was made in the name of the weakness of the League of Nations. Let us not betray the future. Let the world not destroy the United Nations as it once destroyed the League!

## WHO WEAKENS UN?

If the United Nations is weak, who makes it weak? What is the United Nations but the nations who belong to it? What have they done to make it strong? Today the budget of the United Nations is six million dollars less than the budget of the New York City Sanitation Department.

And who was it who insisted on keeping the budget of the United Nations six million dollars lower than the amount spent to keep the streets of New York City clean? The Soviet government certainly wished to keep the budget low. Speaking in the name of a stingy-minded Republican Congress, Senator Vandenberg cried Amen!

In December Senator Vandenberg was willing to spend only \$11 million for the United Nations. Today he is ready to spend untold millions to prop up anti-Soviet regimes.

There is but one hope for world peace—the United Nations. The Greek problem is a world problem and must be settled by the United Nations. If there is a Turkish problem, it too is the concern of all members of the United Nations. That is the spirit in which the charter was signed.

We ask that the United Nations establish regional commissions for the reconstruction of Europe, the Middle East and other areas as part of an overall plan. To provide funds for reconstruction is the purpose of the World Bank. If the present governors of the Bank are unwilling to act, then the Bank should be given governors who will act. Adequate funds should be made available to support the Bank.

## WORLDWIDE BASIS

We ask that the United Nations face the problem of security not piecemeal but on a worldwide basis. This means the internationalization of the Dardanelles, the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal. It means world disarmament and world control of atomic energy. It means real assurance against aggression and also adequate provi-

sion for peaceful change.

Let us do for the United Nations what needs to be done to carry out these tasks.

If the United Nations is untested, let us test it.

If the United Nations lacks support, let us support it.

If the United Nations is weak, let us strengthen it.

No one pretends that the United Nations will meet all needs and solve all problems overnight.

Patience and toil will not give us the millennium, but they will help to make a more decent world than we have ever known.

If we reject this course the United Nations will crumble and man's hope will perish. Sooner or later Truman's program of unconditional aid to anti-Soviet governments will unite the world against America and divide America against herself.

## WORLD AGAINST US

The Truman program must turn the world against America. At our command freedom, in whose name Americans have died, will become a catchword for reaction. Once we grant unconditional loans to the undemocratic governments of Greece and Turkey, then, in the name of freedom, every fascist dictator will know that he has credit in our bank. Today it is the governments of Greece and Turkey. Tomorrow it may be Peron and Chiang Kai-shek. Our banks will give dollars, our arsenals will give weapons. When that is not enough, our people will be asked to give their sons.

The Truman program must turn Americans against each other. It will threaten everything in America that is worth fighting for. Intolerance is aroused. Suspicion is engendered. Men of the highest integrity in public life are besmirched. The President's Executive Order creates a master index of public servants. From the janitor in the village postoffice to the cabinet member, they are to be sifted and tested and watched and appraised. Their past and present, the tattle and prattle of their neighbors are all to be recorded. But more Americans than these are in danger of persecution.

Intolerance has an insatiable appetite. Whom will its inquisition condemn if this drive continues? Every American who reads the wrong books; every American who thinks the wrong thoughts; every American who means liberty when he says liberty; every American who stands up for civil rights; every American who speaks out for one world; every American who believed in Willkie; every American who supported Roosevelt. Only they who saw shibboleth shall pass by the gate. Hatred and violence abroad, hatred and fear at home will be the fruits of the Truman Doctrine. A strong United Nations can bring peace. Which do we choose—for America MUST choose. The world waits for the American people.

Where are the millions who supported Roosevelt's ideals? Where are the inheritors of our great tradition? In weariness and confusion many Americans have abandoned political action. Now they must return! Their country needs them! Americans of all parties, all faiths, all creeds must now speak out in one great voice for peace and freedom.

America is OUR country. Because we love America, because we want America to be free and at peace in a world free and at peace, we say:

No imperialist adventures! Support the United Nations!

Millions to feed the hungry! Not one cent to arm tyranny!

Down with intolerance and bigotry! Back to the faith of our fathers!

## Maine Ratifies

### 2-Term Amendment

AUGUSTA, Me., March 31.—Maine today became the first state in the union to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would limit President to two terms.

## TITO HITS U.S. 'WAR THREAT' AGAINST DEMOCRACIES

Marshall Tito charged yesterday that the U.S. is "openly threatening with war countries which will not submit to its financial and imperialistic dictatorship." The Yugoslav premier told a cheering session of Parliament that the U. S. has tried to use food to blackmail Yugoslavia into submission.

The U. S. policy, he declared, threatens to divide the world into two blocs. One—a small but dangerous "front of imperialists and war mongers," and the other—a "big front of people from all countries who want peace."

"The invincible, unbeatable Soviet Union, the new Yugoslavia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, as well as the democratic forces of Greece and Hungary, and the large majority of the people not only in Europe, but throughout the world belong to the latter groups," Tito said.

Greece, he said, has become a base for an imperialistic force which can endanger the peace of the Balkans and the entire world. Ex-Ambassador Richard C. Patterson and the American embassy staff, Tito charged, interfered in Yugoslavia's domestic affairs in an attempt to strengthen the reactionaries.

This, Tito said, "means threatening the consolidation of our coun-

try." He said that Patterson worsened U. S. Yugoslavia relations also by misinforming the U. S. government, and by "libelous reporting" to the public.

Better relations with America, he said, depend only upon the United States.

Tito repudiated charges that Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria were responsible for civil war in Greece as "falsifications and slander," intended to hide the Greek government's "unlawful terror" over the people.

## Point of Order

### A FIRST-RATE SOLUTION

WE ARE filled with admiration over the solution proposed by Senators Vandenberg and Connally over the uproar caused by the President's by-passing the United Nations on Greece and Turkey. The two able Senators propose that the President's bill be amended to contain a declaration that it in no way by-passes the U. N.

This simple method opens up many possibilities. For example, Congress could pass a resolution in

favor of outlawing the atombomb and have it engraved on every atom bomb we are now making.

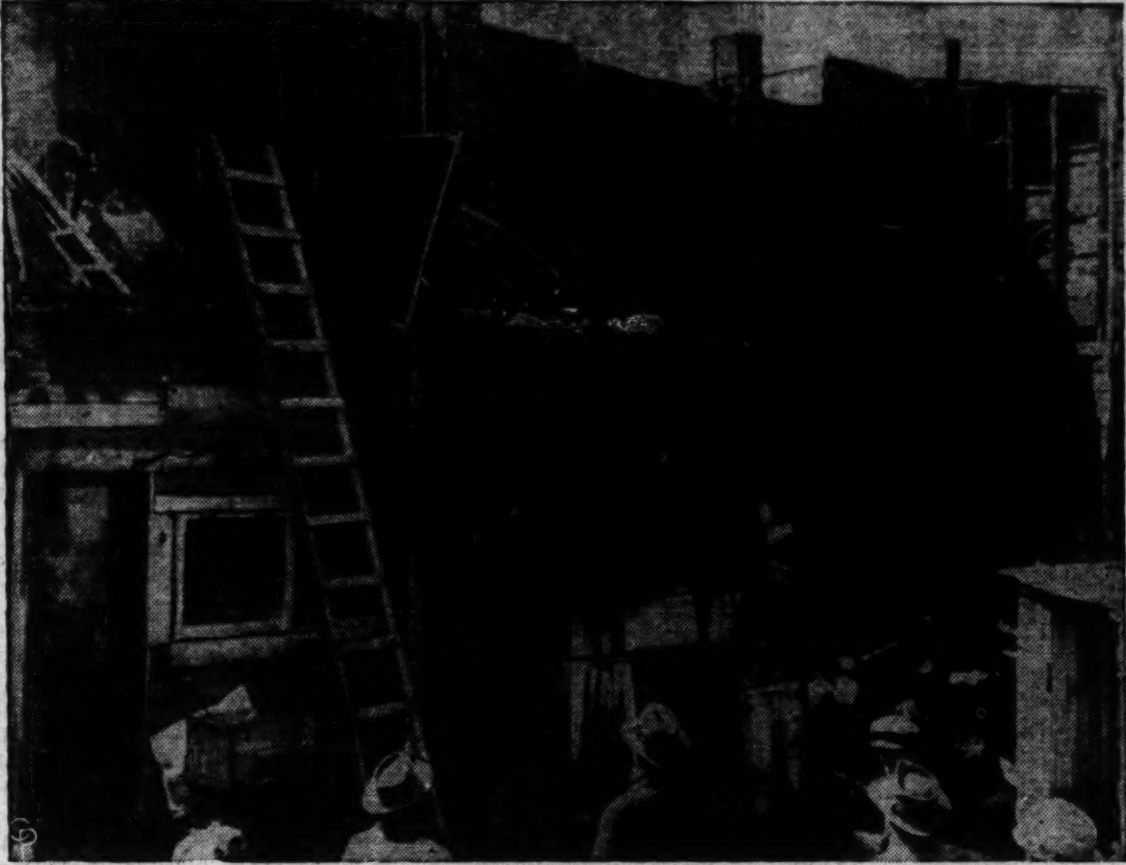
The refusal of the State Department to give relief to the hungry people of Yugoslavia, could well be accompanied by a simple, heartfelt message to the effect that the refusal in no way implies an unwillingness to help hungry Yugoslavs.

The anti-labor legislation pending in Congress could be titled: "A Bill to Simplify the Use of Punctuation."

By ALAN MAX



## LABOR and the NATION



**Where Mother, Seven Kids Perished:** This is the rear of the two-story building, Camden, N. J., where Negro mother Gladys Johnson died in a heroic but futile effort to save her six children and one grandchild from fire. Three other Johnson children were absent from home at the time of the blaze. Six members of the household escaped with their lives.

## Lessons for Miners Day

By Gabor Kisch

PITTSBURGH.

The CIO's program for April as "Save the Union Month" could well serve as a program for the entire labor movement. The coal miners should especially learn the value of united labor action.

The Supreme Court's decision upholding the \$710,000 fine and injunction against the United Mine Workers should have at least served to awaken the coal miners to a realization of the enemy they face.

In the struggle to save their union they see that the coal operators are only a section of the entire front of Big Business against labor.

For the first time in many years the powerful UMW that has often tried to "go it alone," is unable to enforce its traditional "No contract no work" rule on the April 1 deadline. The injunction forces the miners to continue with the 54-hour week at rates that were long inadequate. Moreover, the welfare fund, although in the agreement, is still not in effect.

So far, however, there has been little evidence of an organized movement in the union to bring about the needed unity of action with all labor. There is undoubtedly a will among the miners to do something about the injunction. But this has expressed itself in such defensive suggestions among the rank and file as an assessment to pay the fine.

The second important need is to put forward prominently the new contract demands—the cut in the 54-hour week, increase in wages, mine safety and application of the welfare fund—which the injunction blocked. The demand that negotiations begin at once has not yet been heard vigorously enough.

Finally, the miners must have learned much recently of the close relationship between the economic and political fight. The treatment they have received at the hands of both Democrats and Republicans is leading many of them to think of the need of a third party that would continue the Roosevelt-Wallace tradition.

Miners' Day should be an occasion for sizing up these lessons. It should be the beginning of a United Labor Month in the Mining towns.

# Mines May Stay Shut Until Krug, Medill Go

By Ruby Cooper

**CENTRALIA, Ill., March 31.**—Miners throughout the coal fields are talking about staying away from the mines until the removal of Interior Secretary Krug and State Mines Director Robert Medill, reports here reveal. Even before the

United Mine Workers' announcement of a six-day shutdown of mines throughout the nation in protest against the Centralia disaster, a spontaneous movement was rising among rank-and-file miners to stay out until working conditions in the mines are improved. Many miners feel the nine-hour working day they put in increases the possibility of additional mine disasters such as occurred here last Tuesday, resulting in the death of 111 coal diggers.

It was impossible, therefore, judging by the sentiments expressed by miners here, that many of them will not want to return to work after next Sunday, when the shutdown ordered by the union is officially scheduled to end. Until and unless they receive assurances that the demands they struck for recently are placed into effect.

An inkling of these sentiments is indicated by the repeated remarks heard everywhere "that there are going to be a lot of wildcat strikes in the mines" unless the working day is shortened and dangerous conditions eradicated.

### MINERS BITTER

The coal operators have gotten their "pound of flesh" at the disaster-stricken No. 5 Mine here, many miners bitterly say, in the operators' effort to dig coal without regard for the miners' welfare.

Questioned by newsmen today, Hugh White, Illinois president of the United Mine Workers, said the miners will return to work on Monday only at mines "that are considered safe."

"The union is now checking all inspector's reports," White declared, "and has already found more mines it considers unsafe."

Meanwhile, a delegation from the Progressive Miners of America arrived here today to offer all possible assistance to Local 52 of the UMW, and the families of the perished miners.

Other miners here, members of the UMW, are wearing large black silk badges in memory of the miners

who were killed in the Centralia disaster.

Special to the Daily Worker

**WASHINGTON, Pa., March 31.**—Thousands of coal miners from locals in Washington, Greene and Fayette counties will stream into the town of California tomorrow for a Miners Day demonstration against anti-labor bills and in commemoration of the Centralia dead. More than 40,000 miners are employed in the area.

The initial demonstration call

was issued by Richville Local of the United Mine Workers. The program calls for a parade and speakers, one of whom, it is expected, will be John L. Lewis.

Locals have been busy through the week preparing banners and placards for the occasion. Here are a few of them, indicating what the miners want.

**For a Seven Hour day; Five-Day Week; Not Court Injunctions**

**"Court Injunction Upholds 54-**

# Bosses, Gov't Guilty in Mine Deaths, Inspector Charges

Special to the Daily Worker

**CENTRALIA, Ill., March 31.**—Declaring the blood of the miners who perished in the Centralia mine disaster is on their hands, Driscoll Scanlan, state mine inspector, today scathingly indicted the Centralia Coal Co., and mining officials of Republican Gov. Green's Administration. Scanlan is the state mine inspector who submitted reports as far back as 1945 indicating the dangerous condition of the ill-fated No. 5 Mine.

Choked with emotion, yet speaking directly and deliberately, Scanlan told a press conference today of the criminal neglect on the part of the coal company and state mining officials which led to the disaster.

Companies such as the Centralia Coal Co., "which do not correct the dangerous conditions in the mines, are counting dollars ahead of human lives," Scanlan declared.

Asked why State Mining Director Robert Medill, an appointee of Republican Gov. Green, had not shut down the disaster-stricken mine when Scanlan pleaded with him to do so, the mine inspector said:

"In my opinion, out of favoritism to the coal operators."

Speaking as the last burials of the 111 perished miners were going on here, Scanlan told a harrowing tale of the collusion between State Director Medill and the Bell & Zoller Coal Co., owner of the No. 5 Mine and the third largest coal-producing company in the state.

"The coal company had neglected for a long time to clean up the dirty, dusty roads down below and rock-dust the mine," Scanlan declared.

"And as this was an extremely dusty mine, I had numerous complaints from the miners and had told Mr. Medill of the condition of the mine and told him we should shut it down."

"I also advised him that the dust was so dense that there were several sources of ignition. Blown up cables might start it off, as well as blasting that was done in this mine before the men left the mine."

"I pleaded with him on March 14, 1945, with tears in my eyes, to let me shut this mine down."

"I told him it was in such a condition that if the dust became ignited there would be an ex-

plosion that would spread throughout the mine, as it was not rock-dusted, and probably kill every man," Scanlan continued.

### OFFICIAL REPLY

Medill's reply to all this was: "We'll have to take that chance."

Scanlan told how Medill called him to Springfield after receiving a lengthy inspection report from Scanlan recommending sprinklers be used to keep down the dust in the mine.

He was instructed by Medill, Scanlan said, to confer there with Ben Shaw, representative of the Illinois Coal Operators Association.

"When I saw Mr. Shaw, he had a copy of my report and said to me: 'I'd like to talk to you, if you won't talk to any others on the State Mining Board,'" Scanlan said.

"He told me I had no authority to recommend the installation of the sprinklers and wanted me to withdraw that recommendation."

On March 6, 1946, he submitted another report again recommending that sprinklers be installed to keep down the dust, Scanlan recounted.

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# Crippled Rent Lid OK'd by Senate Group

**WASHINGTON, March 31.**—Rent control, with a dozen daggers in its heart, would stagger through to Feb. 29, 1948 under provisions of a rent control bill unanimously approved by the Senate Banking Committee today.

The measure, bearing the name of Sen. C. Douglass Buck (R-Del) would turn over rent control to the Federal Housing Expediter. Power to end rent control in a given area or to increase the rent level would be placed in local advisory boards, made up of "representative citizens" in each controlled area.

Boards would be chosen by the housing expediter from a list named by the state's Governor. Their recommendations would be carried

out unless the expediter in Washington chooses to veto. In effect, local men named by the Governor can end controls quickly or order a blanket increase.

The bill also allows any state to take over rent control itself if the Governor believes state legislation is adequate. Outright decontrol is specified for newly rented housing, newly built housing, luxury housing and hotels.

### Hour Week."

**"Supreme Court Gets \$710,000 —When Do We Get the Welfare Fund"**

**"Serve Injunctions on the High Cost of Living."**

**"Defeat Reaction; Halt the Anti-Labor Drive of Congress."**

**"Defend the Wagner Act and All Other Progressive Measures."**

**"We Want Roosevelt's 7-Point Economic Bill Of Rights."**

**"Pass House Bill 562 for a Permanent FEPC in Pa."**

**"\$710,000 from the Mine Workers to the King of Greece."**

**"Truman Can't Mean Democracy Abroad When We Are Denied Our Democratic Right to Strike."**

**COLUMBUS, O., March 31.**—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, yesterday lauded the United Mine Workers for its announced mourning period.

Speaking before 2,100 delegates to the special legislative conference of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, Green said, "I call upon you all to join the miners in the week of mourning in spirit if not in action."



# NEW YORK

## CIO Meet Tonite to Spark 'Defend Labor Month'

By Bernard Burton

"April is the cruelest month," the poet said. And it's going to be just that for the union-busters if 6,000,000 CIO members and their friends have their way. Defend Labor Month begins today—called by the national CIO executive board for a mighty drive against the anti-labor bills now before Congress.

The board's call to action urged a nationwide program of meetings, publicity and specific actions to meet the "grave threat" of the bills.

Sparking Defend Labor Month in New York will be the conference tonight of CIO shop stewards and union officials, called by the City CIO Council for 7:30 p.m. at Manhattan Center. Chief speaker will be Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel.

### PUBLIC RALLY

Following the program mapped out by the national CIO, the conference will discuss proposals which include:

- A public open air rally at a city park.
- Mass delegations to visit all city Congressmen.
- Outdoor meetings at unionized plants and in residential communities.
- Distribution of millions of pieces of literature to the public.

At the same time, the state committee of the American Labor Party announced that its 300 branches throughout the state will carry out supporting activities, including rallies, radio programs and sound truck tours.

Similar plans have been reported from other parts of the country. In areas where united labor agreements have been reached, AFL and independent unions are expected to participate.

In its call to action, the CIO board noted that the country was in "grave danger" because of rising prices, decreased consuming power and falling living standards.

It charged that Congress was indulging in a "widespread drive against the basic civil liberties and general welfare" of the people instead of meeting the nation's need "for better housing, health and education; higher minimum wages; more protection of civil liberties."

The board also lashed out at the House Un-American Committee which "has announced a series of witch-hunting bills, one of which, the Thomas bill, would make government employees second class citizens, subject to loss of their jobs merely on suspicion, with no right to appeal."

Since the board's statement, President Truman issued his Executive Order on "loyalty" standards, embodying almost all the provisions of the Thomas bill.

**Answer to Witch-Hunters:** The banner "Build the Communist Party" represents the answer Eugene Dennis and a crowd of 3000 Sunday gave to the Un-Americaners.

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter



## CITIZENS UNION RAPS 'FORECLOSURE' BILL

Failure of the State Legislature to extend the mortgage moratorium to include independent landlords will make things tough for tenants, the Citizens Union has written Governor Dewey. The Citizens Union letter asked the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature to prevent the general lifting of the moratorium on mortgages July 1.



**FISKE DELLINGER, 24**, a veteran of the Italian campaign, was found beaten to death in a vacant Elmhurst, L. I. lot. Police are holding William Albrecht, 22, who was reported to have confessed to the murder, charging that Dellinger made "improper advances" to him.

It suggested the Governor sign the limited bill approved by the Legislature which extends the moratorium for one, two and three family houses only.

The mortgage moratorium has been in effect since 1933. Under its terms, mortgagors paid interests and a stated percentage of the principal, three percent in recent years, each year. They could not be foreclosed if they met those requirements. This year, multi-family house owners were cut out of the moratorium.

The Citizens Union warned this would mean large scale foreclosures of apartment houses by holder of mortgages. As a result, it said, landlords knowing they were going to be foreclosed, would make every effort to "milk" the property before foreclosure, with disastrous effects on tenants.

Worse yet, landlords facing foreclosure can appeal to OPA, the Union pointed out, to have rents raised as "hardship" cases.

Because of the mortgage monopoly held by financial institutions in New York, landlords will find it tough to renew their mortgages if they face foreclosure.

## Pastors Help Strikers Beat Cop Interference

Three clergymen supported Parents Institute strikers in a successful effort yesterday morning to distribute leaflets at 52 Vanderbilt Ave. without police interference. Last week two strikers had been arrested and several women unionists had been shoved away from the building's entrance by police. The strikers had attempted to give out leaflets and talk with workers entering the building.

Excuse for the polite interference was that strikers were on property of the Grand Central Station. Most workers in the building use the entrance from the station, members of the CIO Book and Magazine Guild explained.

The clergymen, invited by the union as "impartial observers," were the Rev. E. Hoyt Palmer, of the National YMCA; Rev. Humphrey Walz, of the Second Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Duffy, of the Labor Temple, Presbyterian Church.

Parents Institute management last Saturday agreed to meet with union representatives in negotiations. After a brief session Saturday evening, the firm asked for a recess and negotiations were resumed last night.

The strike broke out 10 days ago after the firm ignored requests to end harassment and interference with union members and to bargain for five departments in which the union held a clear majority.

Parents Institute publishes Parents Magazine, Calling All Girls, School Management, Polly Pigtales, Varsity, True Comics and other magazines.

## Briton Farmers Spurn Germans

By George Tate

LONDON, March 31.—Britain's farm workers have turned down the government's proposal that German prisoners of war should be employed as civilians in British agriculture.

The executive committee of the National Union of Agricultural Workers resolved today that prisoners should be returned to their countries at the earliest possible date.

It added that the union had not been consulted on the government's proposal and urged that there should be full consultation on any long-term policy.

### EMPLOYERS' O.K.

On the other hand, the employers' organization, the National Farmers Union, has approved the scheme, "providing that it does not interfere with the recruitment of British labor," and will discuss arrangements with the government soon.

## NMU Meet to Hear Stack Trial Report

A membership meeting of the CIO National Maritime Union (NMU) here last night was scheduled to hear a report of a trial committee on charges of misconduct against vice president Joseph Stack.

This edition of the Daily Worker went to press too early to learn the outcome of the meeting. The charges were brought by NMU President Joseph Curran. Chairman of the trial committee was Chester Young, Charleston, S. C., port agent.

The NMU constitution requires a trial committee to report its findings to a membership meeting, which votes to accept or reject the committee's report.

## Manhattan Communists: BUILD THE COMMUNIST PARTY—DEMOCRACY'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

### Complete \$200,000 Fund Drive by April 6th:

	Additional Funds Needed
Industrial .....	\$ 24,000.00
Chelsea .....	7,500.00
East Harlem .....	1,484.00
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Forbes .....	8,129.00
Harlem .....	3,644.00
Jefferson .....	4,337.00
Lower East Side .....	1878.00
Lower Harlem .....	625.00
Lower Heights .....	2,469.00
Lower Manhattan .....	2,300.00
Lower West Side .....	6,400.00
Unity Center .....	2,457.00
Washington Heights .....	9,100.00
West Side .....	Completed
Yorkville .....	Completed
Students .....	934.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$75,000.00</b>

(Funds accepted every night this week and all day Sunday until 6 P.M.)

### Recruit 2,500 New Members by April 11th:

	Recruited up to March 31st	Add'l. Members to be Recruited by April 11th
Industrial .....	450	900
Chelsea .....	40	50
East Harlem .....	5	20
East Midtown .....	16	35
Forbes .....	31	50
Harlem .....	64	186
Jefferson .....	23	28
Lower East Side .....	60	53
Lower Harlem .....	65	47
Lower Heights .....	17	25
Lower Manhattan .....	38	27
Lower West Side .....	46	60
Unity Center .....	15	17
Washington Heights .....	27	49
West Side .....	64	46
Yorkville .....	20	30
Students .....	73	20
Miscellaneous .....	52	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,643</b>

(Report daily from Clubs to Sections, and from Sections to County)



## BUILDING The Communist Party

By RECruITER

The "Vanguard," Brooklyn College newspaper, threw a cartoon jibe at two students who sell the Daily Worker in front of the main building. The cartoon depicted two students of Moscow University selling Pravda and the Wall Street Journal. The next day, students were chuckling, not because of the cartoon, but because each Daily Worker salesman had copies of the Wall Street Journal. The score at the end of the day was 74 "Dailies" to 8 "Journals." The two students, yielding to the laws of supply and demand, have dropped the Wall Street paper.

Blanche is NYU's ace recruiter and press-builder. She sells from 35 to 50 "Dailies" a day and has already recruited 11 students into the Party. Her slogan: "Recruit with the Daily Worker." She sells the paper during class room "breaks," reads the paper in view of the students, and discusses articles from the paper in the class room. "I consider our class rooms our shops," she says. Who said youth is wasted on the young?

Back at his desk from a much-needed rest, Israel Amter looks sun-brown and energetic. Always an ardent champion of youth, Amter reported with enthusiasm about Party-building among the Negro youth in Miami. At a recent meeting between Party leaders and 12 courageous young Negro workers, 11 joined the Party. Amter accounts for this splendid showing by the fact that the Party is actively building youth clubs.

CHAIN-REACTION: Henry "Heshy" Gelber recruited the husband and with his help recruited the wife and with their help recruited two in-laws.

Two weeks ago this column reported that Brooklyn was setting itself what were then regarded as terrific goals in Party activity. In the following days, the Brooklyn bunch raised \$10,000 per day. This Thursday, a meeting at the Livingston, with Henry Winston, Gil Green and Peter V. Cacchione, will be the jumping-off place for a recruiting drive that will match the record-smashing fund campaign.

CONCENTRATION: Ida De La Rose, comely chairman of the East Olgin Club, has been concentrating on one tenement with "Dailies" and leaflets for six months. She recruited six new members from this one building . . . her total for the year is 15.

### THE PRIZE

The Glenwood Club gave Jimmie Weiss an oil painting of Lenin for his work in the Daily Worker subscription drive. Worth about \$75, the portrait went up in Jimmie's living room and Jimmie went out for funds and recruits for the Party. Unknown to him, a girl of 12 listened from her room as he explained the Party's needs and program to her parents. The next day, she called on Jimmie and offered him a dollar which she had saved up from her fees as a baby-sitter. Jimmie, as sentimental a guy as ever passed out a Communist leaflet, was moved by her gift and her faith in the Party. He tried to thank her in words and felt he had failed. So now the Lenin portrait hangs in the young girl's room. . . .

## Farmers Union Asks Affiliates To Fight Witch-Hunt, Greek Deal

WASHINGTON, March 31.—All state and local organizations of National Farmers Union have been requested by its national board to protest against the government's "destructive violation of democratic rights at home and abroad."

A resolution by the national board, adopted unanimously at a meeting in St. Paul last week, called this "violation of democratic rights" a "step toward national and world wide corporate totalitarianism."

The resolution referred to the "witch-hunt launched by the FBI," the "loyalty" purges, the "widespread attack" against "American liberty."

It also charged the federal government with bypassing the United Nations to "give support to undemo-

cratic regimes in various parts of the world where our cartellists have economic interest."

The government's actions, the resolution warned, "are supporting the creation of a corporate imperialism more virulent and vicious than any colonial imperialism of the past."

The resolution maintained that while the government was planning to use billions of dollars to "impose this new imperialism on the world," at home it was "curtailing farm programs and such programs as the Rural Electrification Administration, school lunch, aid to disadvantaged family farmers, federal aid to education and development of natural resources."

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An ad appeared in the Friday, March 28th issue of the Daily Worker for a Winthrop Shoe on sale at Stadler Stores. It stated in this ad that the price of that particular shoe was \$8.50. This was incorrect and was a mistake of our advertising department. The correct price is \$9.95.

## Hartley Pushes Bill to Keep Phone Union from Striking

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Chairman Fred A. Hartley of the House Labor Committee today moved to railroad through a bill designed to blackjack the United Telephone Workers into accepting company terms. The bill, sponsored by the notorious friend of fascists, Clare E. Hoffman in the House is admittedly also aimed at the United Mine Workers, ostensibly to prevent the week-long memorial services for Centralia miners from stretching into a general strike.

Hartley called an emergency meeting of his committee for tomorrow to consider the measure in an effort to win approval for it.

The move was immediately attacked by Rep. John Lesinski, Michigan Democrat, who said it was a "strikebreaking" bill and an attempt to force the Telephone Union to settle on the terms of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Hartley replied by charging that Lesinski doesn't have confidence in "his own President" in whose hands power to break the strike is vested.

The bill would give the government injunction power to stop the strike and invoke a cool-off mediation procedure until a vote is to be forced upon the workers on whether they are willing to take the company's final offer.

If the employer's offer is voted down, then the chief justice of the circuit court in Washington would be empowered to name a committee of three to investigate and bring in recommendations after 30 more days upon which the workers would again vote in a referendum.

Even after this last step, the President would still have the power of preventing a strike by injunction.

The strike of telephone workers is scheduled for next Monday. A two-hour conference of company and union officials ended in a stalemate.

### Nuremberg Trials Dramatized on WMCA

A series of dramatic readings based on Victor H. Bernstein's Final Judgment will be heard Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 9:45 p.m. on Station WMCA beginning today.

## Steelworker Local Blasts Schwollenbach

LORAIN, O., March 31.—A resolution condemning Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwollenbach's proposal to outlaw the Communist Party was unanimously adopted at the regular membership meeting of the large National Tube Local 1104 of the United Steelworkers of America.

The resolution views the Schwollenbach proposal as "part of the anti-labor, anti-minorities and reactionary program." Also, that it "would be but the first step down

the road of Hitlerism."

The meeting directed that the resolution be sent to president Philip Murray, secretary-treasurer David McDonald of the union, and to Schwollenbach.

### 6000 in L.A. Assail Anti-Labor Bills

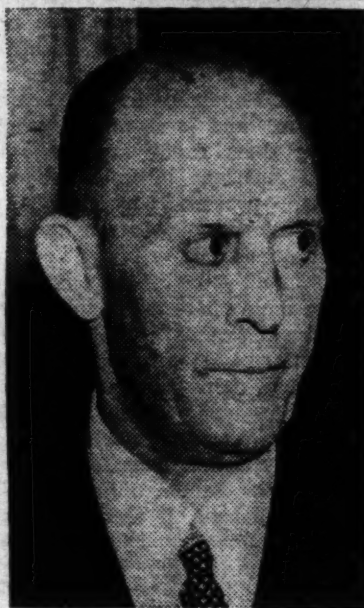
LOS ANGELES, March 31.—Labor and civic spokesmen told 5,000 citizens here Friday night to organize Los Angeles against all legislation aimed at labor and moves to outlaw the Communist Party.

The meeting, chaired by Daniel G. Marshall, executive secretary of the Catholic Interracial Committee, heard labor representatives from the AFL, Railroad Brotherhood and CIO attack the flood of congressional anti-labor bills as a "sure fire bet" to speed up a disastrous depression and unemployment.

Walter J. Turner, chairman of the Strike Emergency Anti-Injunction Committee of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, declared:

"Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach's proposal to deny militant and progressive trade unionists their rights under the Wagner Act shows the real intent behind the Big Business proposals to outlaw the Communist Party."

Robert W. Kenny, former Attorney General of California, keynoted the meeting by calling for prompt action to defeat the three-front assault against American democracy.



JAMES A. MOFFETT, former Housing Administrator and retired oil executive, whose charges that two oil companies "conspired to defraud" the government are being probed by the Senate. He said the firm sold oil to the Navy for \$59,000,000, \$23,000,000 above the price which should have been paid.

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# Change the World

Sometimes the Sandman Can Also Be a Double Crosser!

By Mike Gold

(A tale after Hans Christian Anderson)

**N**O ONE IN THE WORLD knows so many fine stories as the Sandman. Of an evening, as soon as it grows dark, he creeps into the bedrooms and throws sand in the children's eyes; fine, fine sand, and so much of it they can't keep their eyes open.

It does not hurt them, however; oh, no, it's only a joke he plays, just to keep them quiet, while he tells his stories.

Now we shall see how the Sandman, during a whole week, came every night to a little boy whose name was Fred; and hear also what he told him.



## MONDAY

"Now pay attention," the Sandman said, after he had covered Fred up warm and almost smothered him with a soft blanket made of *Time* and *Fortune* magazines, *Journal-Americans* and other hearstian wool, "I want to show you something wonderful."

With this all the plants in the room suddenly started growing taller and taller until they broke through the roof. The branches were covered with flowers, and each of the millions of flowers was more beautiful than a rose, and if you eat one it was sweeter than any candy.

"This is all yours!" said the Sandman, "a mountain of sweet candy and golden fruit such as Aladdin found in the cave. The world is yours, Freddie! Do what you want with it—eat it, burn it down, atomize it, sell it, buy it!"

"But, why, Mr. Sandman? I'm only a boy, not God!"

"Go to sleep, child! This is the American Century. That's why you are being given all this wonderful world of sweets! Hush-a-bye, honey child!"

## TUESDAY

As soon as Fred was snugly in bed this night, the Sandman entered and touched the different pieces of furniture. They all began to chatter, shout, threaten, growl, like a pack of angry wolves.

"I want him baked slowly on toast," said the first chair.

"I need refreshment," said the second, "and insist on having his blood."

"Bah!" growled the stout old table by the window, "he eats too much! I will make him pay such high prices that he will stop eating!"

"He has no right to three meals a day, or a house to live in. He's just a human being, a nobody!" snarled the red carpet in a fierce voice.

Fred shivered with fear. "Who are they so angry at?" he asked the Sandman.

"Don't be afraid," said the Sandman kindly, "It is all a

game. They are trying to frighten you, Freddy. You are supposed to be the American People and they are supposed to be the Big Trusts, destroying the price controls. Go to sleep, my baby."

## WEDNESDAY

The rain came down in torrents. Fred could hear it even in his sleep. The whole city seemed one vast lake. When the Sandman opened the window the most magnificent ship lay anchored close to the house.

"Will you sail with me, little Freddie?" asked the Sandman. "We are bound for Greece and Turkey and other faroff lands. We can go around the world in our magic ship and yet be back in time for school in the morning."

So Freddie stood on the decks of the ship, and the rain stopped, and the skies cleared. Soon appeared the coasts of beautiful Greece and Turkey.

The Sandman and he came ashore, and everywhere people gave them candy and cakes to eat, such as chocolate bunny eggs, popcorn, marshmallows, hamantasches, eclairs, sugar buns and gum-drops.

"Thank you, oh kind Americans for coming here to eat up all our cakes and candy," said the Greeks and Turks. "We have been waiting five thousand years for this."

"Shine your shoes, Boss? Or maybe we can go into Russia and tie up the Bad Bear for you?"

But the Sandman had a military bellyache, it seems, and so did Freddie and next thing he knew the church clock struck seven, and he was in his soft warm bed at home. How easy it had been to conquer Greece and Turkey!

## THURSDAY

"Do you know what I have here?" said the Sandman. He opened his hand, and it was a pretty little mouse. "He has come to invite you to a wedding. It will take place under the floor of your mother's store room."

"But how can I get through the little mousehole in the floor?" Freddie asked in alarm.

"Leave that to me," said the Sandman, "I will make you small enough," and he touched him and Freddie grew smaller and smaller.

The room under the floor had been smeared with cheese and bacon for the party, and was crowded with guests. It was all very gay.

Suddenly a big fearsome Rat entered. The lovely little lady-mice squeaked shrilly, the gentlemen-mice ran from side to side.

The bride and bridegroom, sitting in all their finery in a piece of transparent cheese rind, had been unabashedly kissing each other. But the entrance of the big Rat stopped them and all the drinking, singing and merry-making.

"A wedding now?" growled the big Rat, "when we are all in such mortal danger from Red Rooshia? I must probe all of you with my sharpest weapons of unmousification. You," he pointed at Fred, "what's your real name? Where have you hid the evidence?"

"What evidence?" Freddie stammered.

"Do you believe in collective cheese? What is your definition of booshwah? Where were you on the night of August 11th? And how dare you tell me a Rat?" roared the Rat, pacing up and down, and wagging his big, slimy tail.

So Freddie had to wake up the next morning with a bad nazified taste in his mouth, and the feeling that his Sandman had been a dirty double crosser or something. He had promised lots of candy and peace, and instead had led Freddie to this dirty old Rat!



## Meet the 'Trade Union Pin Ups of 1947':

Applause was so great for two of the candidates for the crown of loveliest working girl at the Artists League ball Saturday, that the judges declared both winners. They are Brooklynites Connie Carter, member of UE Local 430 (second from right) and Pat Randall (left) Advertising Guild Local 20, UOPWA. The prize-winners will have their portraits done by Moses Soyer and Lena Gurr, nationally known artists.

## AUSTIN TIPS HIS HAT

By James S. Allen

**J**UDGING FROM AUSTIN'S speech to the Security Council, its headquarters must be in the moon. Members have not read the press, listened to the radio or talked to their fellowmen at least since March 12. Presumably they are unaware of what Truman said on that day, nor have they heard of subsequent testimony by administration spokesmen before various congressional committees.

Austin told the Security Council, without batting an eyelash, that "the central objective of the United States foreign policy" is "to strengthen the United Nations and to advance the building of collective security under the United Nations."

In the present official atmosphere, unless words have lost all meaning, this statement is suspiciously seditious, and ought to be investigated by the Thomas-Rankin Committee, the President's loyalty commissions, and the bipartisan leadership of both Houses.

**O**BVIOUSLY, there is to be a double standard of morals in foreign policy. In the halls of Congress, the President can proclaim a policy of imperialist expansion and ignore the United Nations. In the Security Council, the American delegate can pretend to ignore the Truman Doctrine and speak of collective security.

But he can perform this miracle only by deleting from his speech the very heart of the Truman policy, as given on March 12, and subsequently embellished. According to Austin, the United States is about to undertake a charitable venture in Greece and Turkey.

There is not the slightest hint in his speech that the Greco-Turkish aid is frankly and openly military, and that it is designed to sustain corrupt and pro-fascist regimes, and that it is sought on the basis of a program of "containing" the Soviet Union and crushing what Thomas-Rankin define as communism.

As an attempt to head off the sharp criticism of Truman's grab-dog doctrine on the score of bypassing the United Nations, Austin's speech merely reveals the duplicity of the policy, and will fool no one. But his speech is also a statement of policy toward the United Nations, and as such marks the beginning of a new tack, comparable to the latest turn in Washington policy.

**A**USTIN PRESENTS the incredible thesis that it is quite possible and just to support the United Nations, while by-passing it. Under this fantastic doctrine the United States can take over the destinies of Greece and Tur-

key, while the United Nations is expected to sanction this action and itself undertakes various supplementary measures.

This newest twist sets up two centers of "collective security." The main center is the United States, which is presumably free to act unilaterally, with only passing reference to the Security Council and other organs of the United Nations.

The other center of "collective security" is the United Nations, which may be permitted to "combine" such action as is permitted it by the Anglo-American bloc with the program of the United States. This is clearly the meaning of Austin's discussion of the American program in Greece in relation to the UN investigation committee now there and the permanent UN border commission suggested by him. The inference is that hereafter the United States will ask the United Nations merely to undertake supplementary action.

**O**F COURSE, Austin repeats the formula that the United States program for Greece and Turkey "is of an emergency and temporary character," and he expresses the pious hope that the United Nations will in time assume long-range responsibility. This is a polite tip of the hat—an afterthought, when the gentleman had already passed the United Nations by.

One can imagine the boys getting together in Washington to complain that Truman has gone too far, by revealing prematurely the intention to castrate the United Nations if it could not be effectively sterilized. So Austin was provided with the diplomatic language that Truman had forgotten in his message to Congress.

But Truman had already spoken, and Austin's words provide only a transparent gloss over the original.

## WORTH REPEATING

Henry Wallace, in his March 13th broadcast on Truman's Greek-Turkey loan proposal, said: "In proposing this reckless adventure Truman is betraying the great tradition and the leadership of the great American who preceded him. Coming two days after the opening of the Moscow Conference, President Truman's speech has undermined General Marshall's assignment of cooperating with Great Britain, France and Russia in writing the peace. The United Nations, our great hope for peace, rests on the continued cooperation of these nations and will be gravely weakened if America follows the course that Truman recommends."

## Press Roundup — Trib Touchy On Miners' Charge Of Negligence

**T**HE HERALD TRIBUNE doesn't approve of the mine workers' charges that the government and the mine owners neglected the safety of the Centralia miners "to a point where they died like trapped animals." It says such charges "will obviously not bring the Centralia miners back to life." But what about preventing thousands of other deaths, by protesting and changing the conditions which brought tragedy to Centralia?

**T**HE TIMES columnist Anne O'Hare McCormick points out "the largest Communist Parties in Europe are in France and Italy," not in the Near East. Therefore, she suggests, the next step of U. S. intervention under the Truman Doctrine is in the Western Mediterranean. She says policymakers in Washington hope "the stop signal in Greece is recognized elsewhere as a sign that American power, too, can be counted on in Europe." The Monroe Doctrine may have been directed toward keeping European kings out of America; the Truman Doctrine demands that European democrats stop interfering with the divine right of European kings and tyrants.

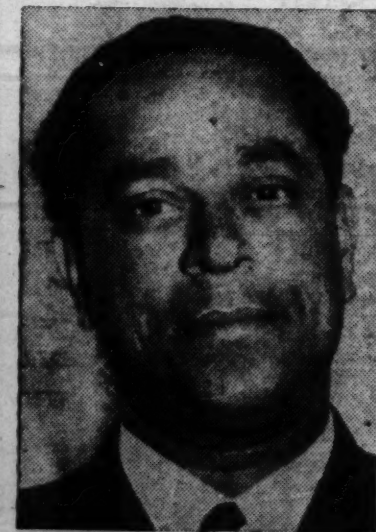
**P**M'S Saul K. Padover notes that the current anti-Red drive is aimed against "democrats, liberals, progressives; it is aimed against the New Dealers throughout the country." He recalls that Hitler, too, declared himself "a champion against 'Bolsheviks.'" But Padover, too, has to bow to the new line of PM's editor, and suggests that "Russian expansionism is a threat to us," and that the American "Reds . . . are not harmless."

**T**HE DAILY NEWS thinks we should have housing. It was quite cheerful about the wrecking of the federal housing program and said "free enterprise" would really show its stuff. It also promised that good old supply and demand would bring prices down. Remember?

**T**HE SUN'S George E. Sokolsky is ecstatic about the Truman Doctrine and says Sen. Pepper and Henry Wallace are in a red plot to remind Americans that the U. S. is affiliated to UN.

**T**HE JOURNAL-AMERICAN'S dean of pro-Nazi correspondents, Karl H. Von Wiegand also sees a red plot "to halt the Truman doctrine." He demands that Truman and Marshall keep steering America away from "the late President Roosevelt's Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam appeasement policy. . . ."

**T**HE POST'S Harold L. Ickes chuckles at the spectacle of Truman taking the anti-Communist ball away from the GOP. "From the scrimmage Mr. Truman has emerged with the anti-Communist ball. He is sprinting toward the goal post with the outsmarted Republicans in wild pursuit." Just think, two years ago the man still running with that ball was named A. Hitler.



**GASTON MONNERVILLE**, vice president of the Socialist Party of France and newly elected president of the Council of the Republic. A former representative for French Guiana, was decorated for his war role as a member of the underground.



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## The People Mourn

AMERICA'S coal miners and their families begin a week of memorial services today. The entire labor movement and every American whose heart isn't branded with a dollar sign will join them.

Thoughts will center upon the little town of Centralia, Ill., where 111 lives were lost in the latest mine disaster. But they are only the latest batch to go in an endless chain that claimed 109,000 known lives since 1839—69,816 of them in the past 36 years.

Can you imagine a community in which a majority of mothers became widows and a majority of the children became orphans overnight? It happened last Friday in a mining town.

The hypocrites in Federal and state office and in the legislatures are hastening with condolences and "investigations," but everybody knows the story has been the same for a century.

Miners' lives cost nothing. Adequate safety measures and enforcement of even the adequate laws we have may cut into the profits. Even today, with the announcement of a week's coal stoppage to commemorate the dead, the hypocrites scream that coal and wages will be lost. They omit to mention concern over profits.

It is high time America had a real showdown on the issue of making coal mining as safe as any other trade.

For the first time since coal mining began, the whole people will be made conscious of this issue—just as conscious as a stoppage in coal could make them.

And it is to be hoped that the coal miners themselves will not let it go. The next agreement should not be signed until safe working conditions are assured.

## Shifting the Attack

HAVING produced nothing but the usual bogeyman tales calculated to frighten children, the House Un-American Committee is now in a huddle on its next move.

It carefully prevented any Communist from talking on the Party's views. It resorted to character assassination, slander, and nightmare propaganda taken from the Nazi books.

In short, the Thomas committee is continuing the old Dies-Rankin "red menace" tradition which President Roosevelt contemptuously called a "sordid procedure."

But despite the wild lying it permitted its picked witnesses, and despite its effort to drum up "proof" that American Communists are "foreign agents," the Committee began to feel a very definite public resistance to its bullying.

This resistance will grow. There is no doubt about it.

There is also no doubt that the "red menace" phonies will dish up new lies and new hysteria to frighten the public.

The Committee is now trying to figure out a move that will appear not to be knifing the heart of the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and which will at the same time, wipe out the civil rights of Communists.

THEY will try to follow the cunning advice of the Chamber of Commerce which outlined a step-by-step scheme for crippling the democratic liberties of Communists and other progressives.

They now have before them proposals to deprive Communists of mailing rights, and plans to force Communists to register as "foreign agents." They will try to strike at the Communists and progressive organizations through indirect means, such as financial and other back-hand methods.

Their hope is to prevent the American people from realizing that these step-by-step tricks are leading the nation down the path of a totalitarian blackout of all rights.

It is against such "gradual strangulation" methods as this that the country must guard.

Now is the moment to resume the attack on these democracy-haters masquerading as self-appointed saviors of the nation from a mythical "red menace."

The Committee has thrown much of its mud already. The country can see it for what it is. Angry voices of decent Americans can do much to defeat this shameful conspiracy against democratic liberty. To the attack!

## WITCH-HUNTER



## Letters From Our Readers

### Anti-Soviet War Cry Called Bluff

Astoria, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Lu Ting-Yi's article, "The Post-war International Situation" in the March issue of Political Affairs should be carefully studied by all progressives, and by Communists in particular. Although written prior to Truman's speech, it throws a clear light on the real significance of the Greek-Turkish issue.

Lu Ting-Yi points out there is no imminent threat of American-Soviet war, and that the war talk is a smoke-screen to cover the real policy of American imperialism which is to attack the democratic rights of the American people, to oppress the people of various other capitalist countries, colonies, and semi-colonies, and to wrest away the markets, colonies, and semi-colonies of other capitalist countries, primarily the great colonial empires of Great Britain and France.

"The dominant contradiction in the political world," writes Lu, "is between the democratic and anti-democratic forces within the capitalist world, not between the Soviet Union and the United States. To be more concrete, the dominant contradictions in the world at present are those between the American people and the American reactionaries, the Anglo-American contradiction, and the Sino-American contradiction."

"If we do not sweep away their smoke-screen," Lu continues, "or if we do not consider this sweeping away as an important task, we shall to a greater or lesser extent fall into the trap set by American imperialism, or even, to a greater or less extent, act as megaphones for the public enemy the imperialistic elements of the United States."

The policy of American imperialism is, in the long run, unquestionably, a war policy. We Communists, however, must guard against falling into the trap of acting as megaphones for American imperialism. The question of war can be raised only in a context that clearly indicates the primary and immediate objectives of American imperialism; i. e. that first they must bring into submission the people of the U. S. and the people of the various capitalist countries, colonies, and semi-colonies.

J. S.

## VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

### ERIC THE CHEERFUL

By George Morris

ERIC JOHNSTON, cheer-leader for capitalism, delivers his periodic dose of optimism for the profit system in a Sunday New York Times magazine article. Johnston has a plan to perpetuate capitalism in America, and he wisely says:

"What I propose is not new—but if it works it will be new."

I suppose the sap who still wants to invent a perpetual motion machine could say exactly the same. But before we let you in on Johnston's plan, let's see how optimistic he really is.

He says that "a marvel of today's industrial world is that while capitalism is still sick or dying elsewhere, it is stronger in America than ever before." And he is happy that "this is the only country in the world where labor supports capitalism."

SO, WHAT you have here is thankfulness to God for having spared one country from the wave of socialism. That is about as cheerful as an upholder of capitalism as a delay is to a man in the deathhouse.

Johnston tries to explain why "British capitalism is dying rapidly in the stranglehold of socialism." He isn't very much concerned with the different roads to socialism that various countries are taking. He writes off practically the whole world outside of America as lost but believes that American capitalism could be powered to hold out.

British capitalists lost because they didn't know how to develop "good industrial relations," "didn't bring the boss and the worker closer together," didn't give the worker a "stake in industry," "did not give them (the workers) a new sense of responsibility towards British capitalism."

Johnston weeps that "one of the best selling Socialist penny pamphlets of the period (in Britain) was 'how to get rid of your boss for a penny.'"

AS Johnston reads his funeral sermon over John Bull capitalism he warns his fellow-capitalists to gaze at Britain and avoid its pitfalls. His plan? A "permanent council of management and labor,

appointed by the President." The council would hold conferences and report annually to the President on "the state of the nation's industrial relations."

That, believe it or not, is all that the mountain produced. "I know this has been tried before and it failed," says Johnston. "But is it too much for the public to ask labor and management to try it again?"

A plan that failed is all Johnston has to offer. He sounds stupid, but he isn't.

Johnston figures that his high-powered salesmanship would be more persuasive than father's stories of the great 1929 crash, of the 15,000,000 unemployed, Hoovervilles, soup lines, relief baskets, and how homes and farms went on the auction block and how wages went down to a national average of \$18 a week in manufacturing.

Capitalism was "stronger in America than ever before" or anywhere in the world on the very day it crashed in 1929. All "marvelled" then as Johnston does today. That is the secret of capitalism that Karl Marx disclosed. It crashes when it seems strongest. The stronger it seems, the harder it falls.

JOHNSTON KNOWS it. He also knows that capitalism today lives mainly on time borrowed through lies and deceit. This is why his article also directs an appeal to labor not to be worried because "America will soon begin living under new labor laws." He assures unions that the operation won't hurt a bit.

He particularly wants labor to drop the idea that "Communism is the great experiment." He has the lying gall to add that "Communism is as old as despotism" and that his capitalism is "still the great experiment."

Would Eric Johnston be so kind as to show any place in the whole world where Socialism is older than 30 years? We are celebrating this year the 100th anniversary of the founding of Marxism. Its ideas only began to trickle down to the people a hundred years ago. A lot of capitalism has gone down the drain since then. Johnston is only whistling for courage.



## Party Fighting Fund

**\$202,909**

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## Maryland CP On Radio Tomorrow

Special to the Daily Worker

BALTIMORE, March 31.—The Communist Party of Maryland will broadcast a reply to the red-baiting hysteria Wednesday, 8:15 p.m., over WFBR. Philip Frankfeld and Herb Kransdorf will speak.

## 50% Drop in Women Gov't Workers Cited

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Labor Department reported tonight that in the last 21 months the number of women federal workers has dropped more than 50 percent.

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# C.P. Fighting Fund Passes \$200,000

Operation Fighting Fund spurted above \$200,000 during the weekend and is well on the way to the quarter million mark, standing now at \$202,909.22. John Gates, national legislative chairman of the Communist Party, yesterday lauded the efforts of Communists and their friends and urged that the goal of \$250,000 be reached quickly.

"The outrageous manner in which the Un-American Committee treated Eugene Dennis showed they had no intention of allowing the Party to state its views," Gates said.

He noted the Committee's elaborate smear preparations—the batteries of newsreels, recording machines for re-broadcasting, hundreds of reporters and photographers—"all obviously for the purpose of slandering the Party and whipping up anti-Communist hysteria, under cover of which to pass anti-Communist legislation and approve Truman's imperialist doctrines."

The Un-American Committee, Gates said, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to achieve their purpose while the capitalist press and radio suppressed the views of the Party.

"Clearly the only means by which the Communist Party can bring its views before the American people," he stated, is "through our reliance upon the people. Our recourse is to raise our own funds and we call upon the people to give us the means to fight back."

The Northwest District came across yesterday with their first \$1,000 check and a promise of more to come.

Another \$1,000 from Maryland boosted their total to \$2,500. Big news is expected shortly from Philly, Chicago and California.

Gates announced response to the Communist Party ad in the New York Times last week and continues to come in. A \$100 check was received yesterday, the second in response to the ad.

A similar ad in yesterday's New York Herald Tribune "is another step in reaching the people," he said.

## TOP GOAL

Reaching the \$250,000 goal quickly and going way over the top will not only reflect the fighting sentiments of the people it was pointed out but will provide an impetus for the annual fund drives of the Daily Worker and the Party.

The Committee to Defend the Constitutional Rights of the Communist Party announced that every District is expected to fulfill its Fighting Fund quota.

Send money to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, 35 East 12 St., New York 3, N. Y.

# Charge Greek Fascists Stifling Relief Group

The monarcho-fascist Greek government is now attempting to suppress the National Mutual Aid Society of Greece, the only relief organization which gives help to the Greek democrats who fought and still fight fascism.

This was the latest word from Greece, brought to a meeting held by the American Council for a Democratic Greece to celebrate the 119th anniversary of Greek Independence Day.

Kostas Kouvaras, of the American Relief for Greek Democracy, read a cable he had just received from Greece, asking for American help to prevent banning of the organization. Members of the society's national board, and local organizations are being arrested, the cable said, and final action on its "legal" suppression is to be taken April 2.

The crowd of more than 600 people passed a resolution directing President Truman to halt this latest attempt by the Greek government to annihilate the Greek democrats. Councilman Eugene P. Connolly told the meeting the Truman Doctrine is like German fascism, "with no new twists, no new angles."

"The fate of our own democracy is at stake," Connolly said, pointing to the measure to oppress the American people now in the legislative mill in Washington. Outlawing the Communist Party is not going to keep Americans from thinking, he declared.

When the constitutional rights of one group is threatened, Connolly said, "your own rights are in the gravest sort of danger. Today it is the Communist Party; tomorrow it will be the whole trade union movement."

"It's a fine thing," he said, "that our President had to take up the torch that Hitler dropped in the Chancellery of Berlin."

Ira Hirschman, former inspector-general for UNRRA, and President Roosevelt's personal envoy to Turkey during the war, also branded the Truman Doctrine as the "same old fascism, with an American handle."

distraction from the real problems" facing the American people.

When he visited the Greek islands during the war, he said, the Greeks welcomed him because he represented a free people, and Roosevelt, and because they believed the U. S. was concerned about Greek fascism.

"Then we were," Hirschman said

Other speakers were Edward Strong, of the National Negro Congress, Rev. Richard Morford, director of the Council for American-Soviet Friendship, and Mary Varoulakis, author and lecturer who spent several months in Greece during the past year.

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## WHAT'S ON

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# Flagstad 'Deserted Country,' Norwegian Couple Here Charge

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—A Norwegian businessman and his editor-wife accused singer Kirsten Flagstad today of "passive disloyalty" to her country in time of war.

(The noted Wagnerian soprano will be granted a temporary working permit by the American Guild of Musical Artists, pending clarification of published charges that she was friendly with the Nazis during the war, the Guild announced yesterday. The permit is "subject to revocation," the Guild said.)

George Wankel, Oslo, and his wife, Katti, who were imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp for aiding the Norwegian underground, expressed disappointment over the reported welcome the singer is receiving during her current concert tour.

"I am sure," said Mrs. Wankel, "that if she were to give a concert in Oslo today, very few people would attend."

The Wankels are paying their first visit to the United States. Mrs. Wankel is editor of the magazine Hus og Havre (Home and Garden). "Mme. Flagstad was not a mem-

ber of the Nazi Quisling Party," Wankel said, "but her husband (Henry Johansen) was. He owned one of the biggest lumber companies in Norway and sold tremendous quantities to the Nazis."

Wankel said Norwegians expected the singer to remain in the United States to sing and speak on behalf of her country when war broke out. Instead, he said, she returned to Norway to her husband "and entertained all the wrong people."

"Mme. Flagstad was not an active Nazi, but passively she was as disloyal as anyone could be. She deserted her country in time of war," he declared.

The former Metropolitan Opera star is scheduled to sing here April 22.

## OK Treason Verdict

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Supreme Court today upheld the treason conviction of Hans Max Haupt, Chicago. He is the father of one of the wartime Nazi saboteurs who landed in Florida from a German submarine in June, 1942.

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 WNYC-830 Kc. WINS-1000 Kc. WQXR-1560 Kc.  
 WEVD-1190 Kc.

## Featured Programs

## MORNING

11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson  
 ● WNBC-Fred Waring Show  
 WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman  
 WCB-Arthur Godfrey  
 WQXR-News: Alma Dettinger  
 11:15-WOR-Tello Test Quiz  
 11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show  
 WOR-Success Story  
 WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch  
 WCB-Grand Slam-Musical Quiz  
 WQXR-Stringtime  
 11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch  
 WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr  
 WJZ-William Lang Show  
 WCB-Rosemary-Sketch

## AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Red Hall, News  
 WOR-Home Edition-News  
 WJZ-Kenny Baker Show  
 WCB-News: Kate Smith's Chat  
 WQXR-News: Luncheon Concert  
 12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News  
 WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree  
 WCB-Aunt Jenny's Stories  
 12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNellis  
 WOR-News: So This is Love  
 WJZ-News: Nancy Craig  
 WCB-Helen Trent  
 12:45-WNBC-Memory Album  
 WCB-Our Gal Sunday  
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride  
 WOR-Better Half Matinee  
 WJZ-H. R. Haulage-News  
 WCB-Big Sister-Sketch  
 ● WQXR-News: Midday Symphony  
 1:15-WCB-Ma Perkins  
 WJZ-Powers Chain School  
 1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies  
 WJZ-Galen Drake  
 WCB-Young Dr. Malone  
 1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News  
 WOR-The Angry Man  
 WCB-Read of Life  
 2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch  
 WOR-Daily Dilemmas  
 WJZ-Kiernan's Corner  
 WCB-Second Mrs. Burton  
 WQXR-News: Program Favorite  
 2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch  
 WJZ-The Woman's Exchange  
 WCB-Perry Mason-Sketch  
 2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch  
 WOR-Queen for a Day  
 WJZ-Bride and Groom  
 WCB-Lone Journey-Sketch  
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30  
 2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker, Talk  
 2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch  
 WCB-Rose of My Dreams  
 WQXR-Music Memory Game  
 3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
 WOR-Martha Deane Program  
 WJZ-Ladies Be Seated  
 WCB-Bouquet for You  
 WQXR-News: Recent Releases  
 3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins-Sketch  
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young  
 WOR-Rambling With Gambling  
 WJZ-Pat Barnes Talk  
 WCB-Winner Take All  
 ● WQXR-What's On Your Mind?  
 Are We Becoming a Nation of  
 Neurotics?  
 3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness  
 WJZ-Studio Tour  
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife  
 WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy  
 WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show  
 ● WQXR-News: Symphonic Matinee  
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas  
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch  
 WOR-Uncle Don  
 WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs  
 WCB-Joly Kerns Orchestra  
 4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown  
 WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch  
 WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch  
 5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries  
 WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch  
 WJZ-Terry and the Pirates  
 WCB-School of the Air  
 WQXR-News: Today in Music  
 5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life  
 ● WOR-Superman  
 WJZ-Sky King-Sketch  
 WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms  
 5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill  
 WOR-Captain Midnight-Sketch  
 WJZ-Jack Armstrong-Sketch  
 WCB-Treasury Bandstand  
 WQXR-Cocktail Time  
 5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell  
 WOR-Tom Mix-Sketch  
 WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch

## EVENING

6:00-WNBC-Kenneth Banghart, News  
 WOR-George C. Putnam, News  
 WJZ-News, Sports-Joe Hazel  
 WCB-News-Eric Sevareid  
 WQXR-News: Music to Remember  
 6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America  
 WOR-On the Century-Interviews  
 WJZ-Ethel and Albert  
 WCB-Frontiers of Science  
 6:30-WCB-Sports-Red Barber  
 WQXR-Dinner Concert  
 WOR-News-Fred Vandeventer  
 WJZ-Allen Prescott-Talk  
 6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern  
 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas, News  
 WJZ-Ed and Peggen Fitzgerald  
 WOR-Sports  
 WCB-Robert Trout, News  
 7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety  
 WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments  
 WJZ-Headline Edition  
 ● WCB-Mystery of the Week  
 WQXR-News: Celebrity Hall  
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World  
 WOR-The Answer Man  
 WJZ-Elmer Davis  
 WCB-Jack Smith Show  
 7:30-WOR-Arthur Hale  
 ● WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh  
 ● WNBC-Hollywood Theatre  
 WJZ-Boston Blackie-Play  
 WCB-American Melody Hour  
 WQXR-Record Rarities  
 7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt  
 8:00-WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner  
 ● WNBC-Milton Berle Show  
 ● WOR-Scotland Yard-Play, With  
 Basil Rathbone  
 WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner  
 WCB-Big Town-Sketch  
 WQXR-News: Symphony Hall  
 8:15-WJZ-Skip Farrell Show  
 8:30-WNBC-A Date With Judy-Comedy  
 WOR-The Falcon-Sketch  
 ● WJZ-Boston Symphony Orchestra  
 WCB-Mel Blanc Show  
 9:00-WNBC-Amos 'n' Andy  
 WOR-Gabriel Heatter  
 WCB-Vox Pop Show  
 WQXR-News: Concert Hall  
 9:15-WOR-Real Stories  
 9:30-WNBC-Fibber McGee and Molly  
 WOR-American Forum-The  
 Teacher Problem  
 WJZ-Rex Maupin Show  
 WCB-Arthur Godfrey Show  
 ● WQXR-Music Gallery  
 ● WMCA-Dramatic Readings from  
 Bernstein's "Final Judgment"  
 10:00-WJZ-Hank D'Amico Band

## Station WNYC

10:30-"Foods That Build Strong Teeth"  
 Lillian Anderson of the Oral  
 Hygiene Committee of Greater  
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 10:45-Health Department, Nutrition  
 News, with Margaret Conner  
 10:55-News Summary  
 11:00-Organ Odes  
 11:30-BBC Radio Newsreel  
 11:45-Music Time  
 11:55-News Summary  
 12:00-Midday Symphony, "Symphony  
 No. 80 in D Major," by Haydn  
 12:55-News Summary  
 1:00-Missing Persons Alarms  
 1:05-City News Summary  
 1:15-Town Hall Club Forum from Town  
 Hall. Subject: "China As I Saw  
 It"-Helen Kennedy Stevens,  
 American Bureau on Medical Aid  
 to China  
 1:45-Music Time  
 1:55-News Summary

2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report  
 2:05-"The Roosevelt Square Deal." On  
 "Book Parade"  
 2:30-Symphonic Matinee, "Violin Con-  
 certo in D Minor," by Elgar  
 3:55-News Summary  
 4:00-Four Strings at Four, "Quartet  
 Opus 121," by Faure  
 4:55-News Summary  
 5:00-Music for Young People. Song  
 Stories by Peggy Tucker  
 5:30-Songs at Eventide. Janine Casiez,  
 Soprano  
 5:45-"United Parents Association  
 Series"  
 5:55-News Summary  
 6:00-Folksinger, Eugene Berezinsky,  
 Ukrainian Songs, "Susidko," by  
 Yatzinevich  
 6:15-Stylings in Jazz. Al Anderson  
 6:45-Official U. S. Weather Report.  
 USES "Help Want Ad Column of  
 the Air"  
 6:55-News Summary  
 7:00-Masterwork Hour. Rachmaninoff

Birthday Program, "Piano Con-  
 certo No. 1 in F Sharp Minor"  
 7:55-News Summary  
 ● 8:00-"Musical Caravan" presents Ac-  
 tor-Director Jose Ferrer, in be-  
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 feature with Eve as MC  
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 We Check the Rising Tide of  
 Juvenile Delinquency?" Speakers:  
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 Bess Lane; Mrs. Smith Elford.  
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 8:55-News Summary  
 9:00-Municipal Concert Hall. Music  
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 dolph, Commentator  
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## On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

AFTER AN UNACCOUNTABLE delay of one year, Governor Dewey has just filled the vacant spot on the Boxing Commission with a capable, non-political appointee. Swinging into immediate action, the new commissioner has ordered:

1. No further stalling on Jake La Motta, rated number one middleweight contender for the past three years. Either Cerdan must meet La Motta for the right to fight Zale for the championship this summer, or Zale's next fight must be with La Motta.
2. An end to the practice by managers of dodging the most worthy contender and extracting preposterous guarantees from lesser fighters for the right to meet the champ.
3. Immediate investigation into the monopolistic contracts forced by Mike Jacobs' office onto those fighting a champion, contracts binding the fighter hand and foot for three years in the event he wins.
4. An immediate review of the unfair sentences hung on Rocky Graziano and Ray Robinson for doing nothing. Followed by a REAL investigation of the men behind the gamblers who made the offers, and their protectors higher up.

Today IS April 1, isn't it?

### Big League Prospect

THE COLLEGE BRAND of our national pastime lags far behind football and basketball in spectator interest. There are plenty of empty seats at the windswept local fields as NYU, CCNY, Fordham et al go through their spring schedules, which end before the real good ball weather sets in. Alas, nobody in the city room, not even Mike Singer, comes in with an urgent, "Gotta have a couple for the CCNY game tomorrow, Rod. Wanna take the kid."

But the boys play nonetheless. Their game is considerably below the caliber of the big leagues (though there ARE afternoons at the Polo Grounds when one wonders . . .) Good players occasionally come off the campus, like Lou Gehrig, Eddie Collins, Frankie Frisch of the old time immortals, and Hank Borowy of Fordham, Ralph Branca and Sam Mele of NYU in recent years.

There is a big league prospect right now up at CCNY's pebbly old Lewisohn Stadium, where a potential metropolitan championship team plays in comparative obscurity while the boys and girls in the lunchroom mull over what would have happened if Mason Benson hadn't gotten sick before the tournament. His name is Dan Perlmutter, a left-handed hitting and throwing outfielder, fast, strong armed and powerful.

Last spring Dan clouted .410, a robust collegiate mark, as the Beaver team won 14 and lost 4,

and was picked on the All Eastern squad in the college All Star game at Boston's Fenway Park. Seven big league scouts were sitting in the stands that day, and Dan got himself seven offers after the game, in which his double drove home the two winning runs for the East. A junior last year, Dan decided to graduate before making any professional commitments.

You may be hearing of him. In fact Mike Singer may some day come bustling into the office with "Rod, gotta have two for the Yankee game tomorrow. My kid wants to see Perlmutter."

Lewisohn Stadium's not good enough for that guy Singer.

### Fulks Racked 'Em Up

The greatest scoring record ever hung up in American basketball belongs to Joe Fulks of the Philly Warriors, figures released by the Basketball Ass'n revealed yesterday.

The incredible Kentuckian, in 60 regular league games, scored 1,389, an average of 23 per game. He sank 475 field goals and 439 fouls, making 30 percent of all his field goal attempts and 73 percent of his foul tries.

### Like Trout?

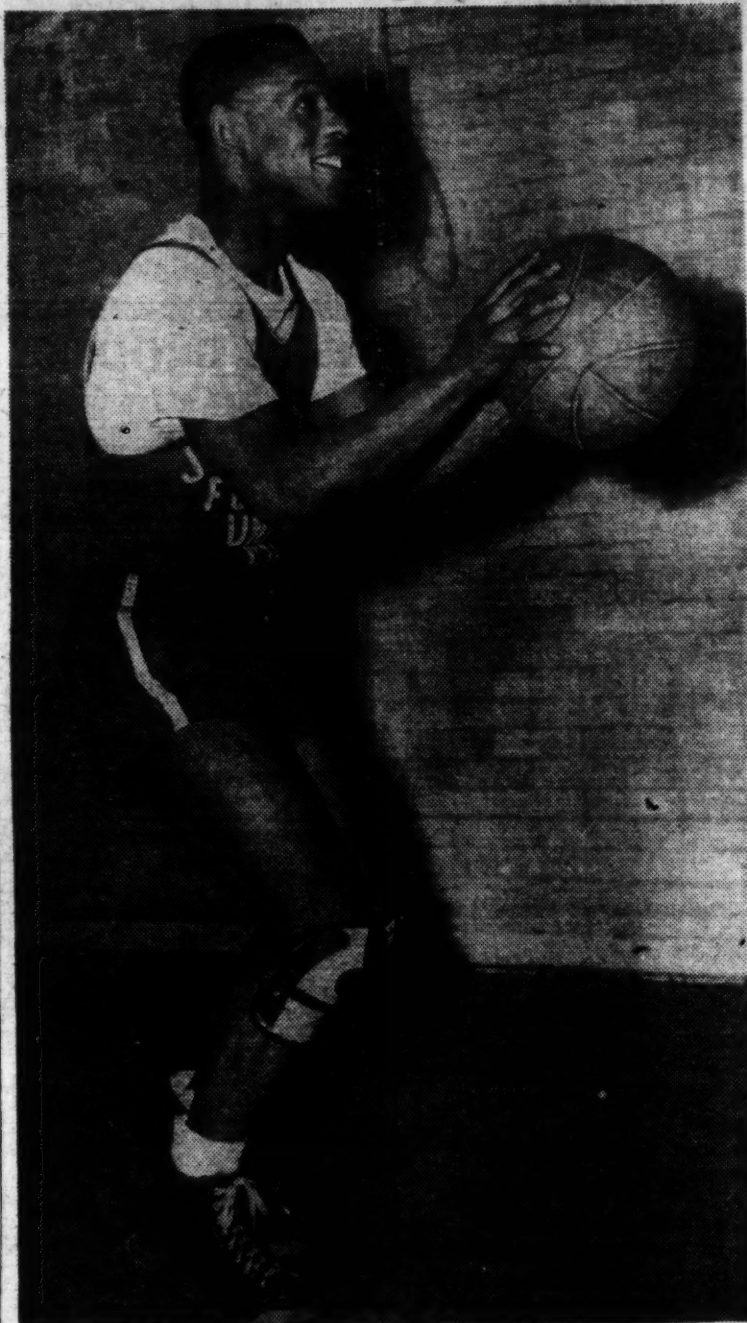
New York State's waters have been stocked with 3,500,000 trout, distributed through 20,000 miles of trout waters. Commissioner Duryea said he expected the state's heaviest trout fishing season. Enough said, fishermen!

# Campy Moves Up To Montreal Royals

By Bill Mardo

Roy Campanella, hard-hitting Negro catcher who starred for the Dodger farmteam in Nashua last year, was yesterday promoted to the Montreal Royals. One of the greatest backstops ever produced in the Negro National League, the 26-year-old Campy came

## Labor League's Best



To chunky Ralph Krichlow above, goes the lion's share of the credit for Fur Joint Board's great season. That its undefeated, 15-0 record was largely due to Ralph's efforts. Krichlow, recently given the Labor Loop's "Most Valuable Player" award, is the only lad in the league who played seven straight games without a single substitution.

Krichlow is a sweet set shot, and a very shifty customer around whom the Board team revolves. His great talents aren't unknown either. Such top pro teams as the Harlem Globetrotters and the famed Renaissance have been trying to sign him up.

He hails from the Bedford-Stuyvesant area in Brooklyn, where he used to play neighborhood ball. Ralph and his teammates entered the Labor Championship Playoffs last night heavy favorites to cop the crown as they did during the regular playing season.

The big final round is Saturday night at Central Needle Trades High School. Sports celebrities will be on hand to make all the awards—and Lee Norman's band will provide the dance music after the champs are crowned. Tickets, at \$1.20, can be bought at your local union hall, the Labor Sports Federation offices at 101 Henry Street in Brooklyn, or at the door Saturday night.

off the Baltimore Elite Giants to pace Nashua to a playoff series against Lynn last season. He batted over .300, proved invaluable handling pitchers, and his strong arm was the scourge of the league. Roy was also a big gate attraction and a tremendous favorite with the New England League fans.

Campanella will now become the first-string catcher for the Montreal International League champs. Their '46 receiver, Dixie Howell is now on the Dodger roster and Campanella had been working with the Royals in Havana since the start of spring training. Many key men in the Brooklyn front office are as high as Campy as they are on Jackie Robinson.

Jackie, by the way, hopes to get into today's Dodger-Montreal exhibition, after an intestinal disorder kept him out of Sunday's game and limited him to painful seven inning stints in two previous contests with the parent club. Jackie has been examined by Havana medics who said his ailment was not colitis, as originally diagnosed.

Jackie hopes to be in perfect shape again for those two big exhibition games against Brooklyn at Ebbets Field next Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10.

Dodger boss Branch Rickey has named April 15th as the deadline for his announcement on the question of Robinson's promotion to the '47 Dodgers. But it's no secret that the two games next week will serve as the jumping off point for Rickey's final judgment.

## LAPCHICK TO PRO KNICKS

Joe Lapchick, St. Johns' University coach for the past eleven years, yesterday signed a three-year contract as coach of the professional New York Knickerbockers.

He replaces Neil Cohalan, who will continue to coach the Knicks through the playoffs, with Lapchick's help.

In eleven years at St. Johns, Lapchick-coached teams won 170 and lost 47, getting into seven national invitation tournaments.

A member of the Original Celtics, immortal pro outfit, Lapchick feels the newly constituted Basketball Association of America has a great future, and made his decision despite a \$15,000 offer by St. Johns to stay on.

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# Cubs Big Threat Despite Some Ifs

(This is the fourth in a series on the 1947 prospects of the major league clubs.)

A series of injuries and lack of a capable shortstop were the major factors in the Chicago Cubs' relinquishing the National League championships they won in 1945 and falling to third place last year. But with luck they can be a big threat this season.

As Manager Charley Grimm reminded: "At one time or another last season we had every one of our key men out of the game, but still at the end of the year we were going strong. The breaks just can't go against us like that again."

Grimm's big problem is to find a shortstop. It looks as though the veteran Billy Jurges is going to get

the job but there is a big question whether the 37-year-old infielder can stand up for a full season.

Third base may be a problem, too, for Stan Hack began showing sign of age last season, his batting average dropping to .285—but Grimm is banking on him for another year's full time duty. A rookie, Henry Schenz, who hit .331 for Tulsa, will be kept as relief for Hack.

The other infield positions are set with Don Johnson, one of the many Cub players plagued with injuries in 1946, at second and Eddie Waitkus at first.

Phil Cavaretta, the team captain, and Andy Pafko, who has been hitting better than ever this spring, have won two of the outfield berths

while Harry (Peanuts) Lowery probably will get the others. Big Bill Nicholson, whose hitting has fallen off since his brilliant war years, may oust one of the trio if he can come out of his slump. Other fly-chasers sure to stick are little Dom D'Allessandro and Marvin Rickert.

The Cubs are strong in catching with Clyde McCullough and Thompson Livingston dividing the regular chores. Back of them, Grimm will have either Dewey Williams, Bob Scheffing or Joseph Stephenson. Several clubs are reported dickering with the Cubs for one of their first-class receivers.

Pitching may or may not be a problem, depending on how the veterans come through. The two Hanks—Borowy and Wyse; Claude

Passeau and Johnny Schmitz, who despite his 11-11 record had the best earned-run average in the league last year with a mark of 2.61, will probably be Chicago's Big Four. Borowy disappointed in 1946, winning only 12 games after his brilliant 1945 season, while Wyse won 14 and Passeau nine. All three were sidelined with injuries, however, and all except Passeau, who underwent a recent operation, appear ready to take over in the manner which marked their work when they led the Cubs to that 1945 flag.

Bob Chipman, Paul Erickson, Bill Lee, Emil Kush, Russ Meers and Russ Meyer are the leading candidates for the other spots.



## FILMS — BOOKS — THE ARTS



Czar Ivan (Nikolai Cherkassov) embraces his bride, Anastasi (Ludmila Tsolkovskaya) at his wedding feast. A scene from Sergei Eisenstein's "Ivan the Terrible," new Soviet film now at the Stanley Theatre.

## Movies

## 'The Farmer's Daughter'

The liberal tradition is pointed up sharply in *The Farmer's Daughter*, new film at the Rivoli. Hand-in-hand with its political satire and inspired romance, *The Farmer's Daughter* raps native fascists in a manner that will cause some discomfort in certain important circles.

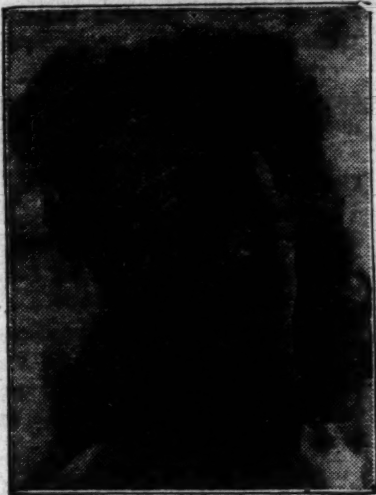
Reminiscent of Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, the story deals with a young Swedish girl who gets a job in the mid-Western city home of a family highly influential in a local political machine.

When she criticizes the dummy candidate because he "took free milk away from poor school children," she is promptly selected by the rival party to run for Congress.

Symbolically, a house painter named Adolph almost gums up the works when he accuses her of having debauched with him (of all people) at a roadside hotel. The final scenes when she is convinced to continue the good fight are among the picture's best.

Don't get the impression, though, that *The Farmer's Daughter* is a great social film. The title isn't all that's silly and inconsequential about the Allen Rivkin-Laura Kerr script. Above all, this reviewer singles out the producer's contention that the astute leaders of the political crew are completely naive and guiltless in their partnership with a fascist candidate.

On the other hand, *The Farmer's Daughter* remains a spritely piece with Loretta Young doing much better with meaningful comedy in



LORETTA YOUNG

the title role than she ever did in lachrymose roles.

Others who stand out are Ethel Barrymore as the widow of a great Senator in the Borah-Norris tradition and present leader of the anonymous "party"; Charles Bickford, who returns to the screen as the straightforward, unfawning butler to the illustrious lady and Joseph Cotten as the young Congressman, trying to tread the righteous path cut by his father.

In all, a good film, if you're willing to overlook the unrealistic twist and turns that Hollywood just can't get out of its system. —S.K.

## Other Critics On 'Farmers Daughter'

J. P., Tribune: A lot of palatable hokum about American politics and grass-roots democracy...the voters come in for lambasting. As an example of what passes for biting political satire there is a house painter named Adolph, who is mixed up in a secret society vaguely identified as the Klan.

A. W., Post: One of those improvement-of-politics, all-for-the-people pitches...forthright condemnation of a secret organization advocating which is for whites only, excludes foreign born and accepts the right kind of religion.

B. C., Times: A thoroughly pure and pristine examination of the vagaries of romance, mixed with some healthy observations upon the chicanery of politics. Cheerful comedy...diverting entertainment.

## Offer Discounts on New Simonov Play

The producers of Konstantin Simonov's *The Whole World Over*, now at the Biltmore, are offering discounts for blocks of tickets to organizations. Telephone PE 6-5258 for particulars.

## Radio

## Roundup

Midweek evenings offer few programs I would care to call "good" but at least there are several interesting ones. Tuesday has the best lineup: *New World A-Coming* (title from Roi Ottley's book) on WMCA at 9:30 is a top feature. Last week's program rounded out a series on Negro veterans with a fine dramatization about a Negro sergeant who bucked Jimcrow in Berlin to get a civilian job with the A.M.G. The April 1 program begins a new series based on Victor Bernstein's *Final Judgement*.

After you've heard that, turn to WCBS for *One World Flight*. Last week, Norman Corwin recounted his stop in Australia with recordings of interviews with Sidney dockworkers, businessmen and an old sheepherder in Bathurst. He found most Aussies vigorous, optimistic and highly conscious, politically and culturally. There were wide expressions of sympathy for Indonesia and an almost unanimous feeling that the West should cooperate more with the Soviets for a lasting peace. An Army sergeant feared the resurrection of fascism, perhaps in the U. S.

Corwin finished with a brief excursion among the aborigines. Next stop is New Zealand.

Wednesday night has *Henry Morgan*. Could anyone ask more?

Thursday night is on the heavy side, leading off with *Town Meeting of the Air*, WJZ, 8:30 p.m. Last week the subject was: How Can Democracy Meet Challenge of Spreading Communism? Laurence Spivak spoke first, shrieking that "totalitarian Russia must be stopped," even if by war. Ralph Ingersoll denied that Russia threatens us, and insisted that bourgeois democracy, to meet the challenge of a rival program for progress, must stop bolstering reaction and must clean its own back yard. Clarence Streit went off on his usual one-track of "Union Now" and stayed there. Britisher S. K. Radcliffe agreed with Ingersoll but challenged references to British Imperialism.

At 9:30 on WQXR, *The Author Meets the Critic*. Last week the author, Henry C. Link, was sick, and a Mr. Ames defended *The Rediscovery of Morals*, attacking the materialist preoccupation with standards of living and with the class struggle. The missing Link took quite a beating from Eugene O'Neill and Dr. George Lawton. Next week the author of *The Voice* tangles with Jo Davidson and Gregory Zilboorg.

Before we leave Thursday, I notice WNYC has Woodie Guthrie on at 6 p.m.

J. KEPNER.

## 'Readers Digest' Jimcrow Policy Exposed in NM

The treatment of Negroes in 'Readers Digest' is the subject of an article titled *Jim Crow: Editor and Publisher in the current issue of New Masses*. Based on the findings of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was written by Edmund Fuller, author of 'A Star Pointed North' and Frederick Winter, free lance writer. Quoting the NAACP, the authors declare that the digest magazine, with the largest circulation of its kind in the world, "has established a definite policy adverse to the best interest of the Negroes. In scope this policy ranges from viciously intense anti-Negro propaganda to that of benevolent tolerance..."

## Art Today

## Sculpture Annual at The Whitney Museum

By Marion Summers

Sculpture doesn't get much of a break these days. Its patronage has been cut down to almost nothing. Architectural sculpture has little place in the austere esthetic of modern building, and the commercial use of sculpture is practically confined to the designing of window dummies.

The sculpture, then, is limited to creating small decorative knickknacks for the mantelpiece or the end table. Or, wrapping his freedom closely around him, he may retire to his studio there to create for himself, for the occasional sculpture show, the occasional museum purchase, or the almost occasional collector who has a large house to take a statue or two.

The annual exhibition of Contemporary American Sculpture, Watercolors and Drawings now on view at the Whitney Museum offers us an opportunity to see what American sculptors are doing. Except for examples by a few artists who work only in watercolor, the exhibition of watercolors and drawings is merely a minor version of the annual painting show, and does not concern us here.

## DECORATIVE AIR

The exhibition is proof that there is plenty of talent among our sculptors. From the abstract aluminum *Yellow-Black* of Jose de Rivera to the charming *Vanity of Chaim Gross* there is evidence of skill. They do not lack imagination or daring, and they experiment competently with form and material. Yet all of it appears a little empty. The lack of a precise function makes most of the pieces seem baseless and vague. Everything has a decorative air, as if the sculptor thought first of the nature of the design, the quality of texture and material, rather than what he wanted to say. Even such obviously social themes as Berta Margoules' *Strike*, Aaron Goodelman's *Partisan* or John Hovannes' *Song of the Shirt* suffer from a dryness and a lack of emotional power.

Like any show which attempts a cross section of what is being done today in America, it runs the gamut from pure construction to cute carving. No single

group stands out above the rest. The sculptors concerned with social themes work well within the medium and are experimenting with a variety of expression, from the realism of Berta Margoules to the almost abstract abstract forms of Seymour Lip-ton. The more traditional decorative group, which ranges from the large but rather empty forms of William Zorach to the sterile decoration of a whole list of academic sculptors, is concerned with polishing materials and repeating endlessly their repertoire of accepted subjects. Even the most radical artistic experimenters show nothing very exciting. Jacques Lipchitz's *Benediction* is an overblown contortion without much point. Theodore J. Roszak's *Raven* exhibits a beautiful control of material but is no more interesting than a molten mass of steel. David Smith, who is usually a provocative artist is here represented by a coldly precise exercise in fabricated bronze.

## DIVERTED TALENTS

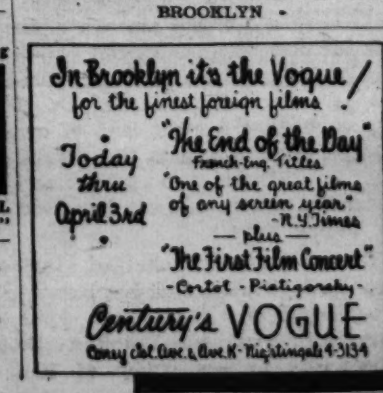
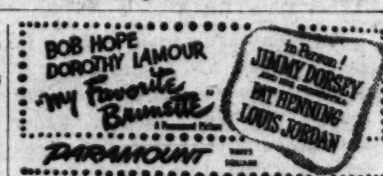
The exhibition offers a large selection of forms to satisfy anyone's taste. However, such monster shows often defeat their purpose by their sheer size. The sculpture is too closely spaced. Taken in conjunction with drawings and watercolors, it is beyond absorption. One comes away with a sense of confusion, within which the works of merit tends to be lost.

It is rather amazing to see the amount of large statuary which is being produced in America, with no obvious market for it. In every-day existence one sees practically no sculpture, yet so much of it is being done. Where does it go? Back to the artist's studio? But a few heroic figures would crowd the sculptor out into the hall. Certainly most of them never get beyond the plaster stage.

The creative talent of the American sculptor is not only neglected but sadly diverted. Because of a lack of clear function or vital direction, American sculpture consequently lacks fire, drive, and a basic connection with human values. With a few exceptions it is concerned with tasteful decoration or experiments in materials and techniques.



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## Indict Fast, 19 Others, For Contempt

A Federal Grand Jury in Washington yesterday indicted 17 leaders of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, including national chairman Dr. Edward K. Barsky and novelist Howard Fast, for contempt of Congress.

Conspiracy to withhold the committee's records from the House Un-American Committee was charged in another count. Like indictments were returned against Richard Morford, of the National Council of Soviet-American Friendship, Inc., and George Marshall, of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Dr. Barsky hit back promptly, announcing that his committee would make "an outstanding and historical test case" of the matter. O. John Rogge, former Asst. Attorney General of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and Benedict Wolf of New York have been retained by the committee, he said.

### JAIL THREAT

The indictments grew out of a clash of the progressive organizations with the Wood-Rankin Committee, predecessor of the present Un-American Committee, a year ago. The indictments carry the

threat of two years in jail and \$10,000 fine for each responsible officer of the organizations named.

Dr. Barsky said: "We have felt that the action of the House committee was improper, unconstitutional, and a violation of our civil liberties and constituted an attempt to cripple our relief activities.

"In proceeding against the entire board, the House committee has also sought by intimidation to prevent us from challenging its assumption of authority. We resisted the improper and unconstitutional demands of the House Committee on Un-American Affairs in order to protect our civil liberties. This should be of deep concern to all persons interested in civil liberties.

### HISTORICAL TEST

"In indicting the executive secretary and 16 members of the executive board of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, the Federal Grand Jury has placed before the courts the whole question of the jurisdiction, the methods of procedure and the constitutionality of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"This then becomes an outstanding and historical test case in the

defense of civil liberties of American citizens. We are confident that the court in reviewing the entire situation will uphold these individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

"It should be remembered that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is a relief organization and does not engage in propaganda activities. It is a humanitarian committee raising funds for the relief of the Spanish refugees in exile and other victims of the fight against Franco, Hitler and Mussolini. Such work is in the tradition of American ideals of justice and generosity."

If necessary, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship declared in a statement, it "will carry Richard Morford's case to the Supreme Court of the United States."

"There is no legitimate place for the Un-American Committee in American political life," the Council said. "In this time of crisis every one who favors American-Soviet cooperation and world peace should support the thoroughly American program of the National Council and its fight, together with other organizations, against the Un-American Committee."

## Wallace Warns U.S. Antagonizes World

By Arnold Sroog

Henry A. Wallace last night called on a packed Madison Square Garden meeting to defeat the Truman program of intervention in Greece and Turkey because it would cause the world to unite against America and endanger the peace and freedom of our nation.

If there are Greek and Turkish problems, he said, they should be handled by the United Nations for "real assurance against aggression and adequate provision for peaceful change." The former Vice-President, now editor of the New Republic, spoke at a Crisis Meeting on Greece and Turkey called by the Progressive Citizens of America. His address was broadcast over an American Broadcasting Co. network.

A standing room only crowd of 30,000 packed the Garden and filled the streets outside to protest Truman's intervention program as thousands more milled outside, and heard the meeting through loudspeakers.

### CITES HYSTERIA

President Truman is seeking to jam through his program "as if great armies were already on the march," Wallace charged. "Facts are withheld, time is denied, hysteria is whipped up," he declared.

"The truth is that the President and his Republican backers are less concerned with the need of the Greek people for food than with the need of the American Navy for oil," Wallace charged. "The plan to contain Communism is second to that need."

America was competing for oil long before Communists ruled Russia, Wallace said, and this problem could be settled peacefully if the U. S. sought agreement through a UN program for the Balkans and the Middle East.

"I shall not blame America alone for the present tensions, and I shall criticize Russia when I think Russia is wrong," he declared. "But I do assert that a great part of our conflict with Russia is the normal conflict between two strong and sovereign nations and can be solved in normal ways."

Elliott Roosevelt charged that President Truman and his Republican supporters had broken down the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's foreign policy of Big

Three unity. Starting with Churchill's appearance at Fulton, Mo., and citing American support for intervention against colonial peoples of Indonesia, Indo-China and China, he declared, "our government leaders have undermined the future of the United Nations."

"Our leaders have told us today," he continued, "that there is no way whereby we can achieve friendly cooperation and unity with the Soviet Union or any Communist-governed country."

Roosevelt also charged "that a major part of our government's consideration of international problems is predicated on aiding American big business expansion throughout the world."

"At home, the Communists are no threat to our form of government," he declared. "The people of the U. S. do not want to change our form of government. All they want to do is to make democracy work better."

He warned the Democratic Party that if it did not reverse the Truman policy and make itself "the voice of the fighting progressives" it would go down to defeat in 1948 and be rejected forever by the American people.

### SHUN AGREEMENT

Wallace denied the U. S. had sought agreement with the Soviet Union and charged America and Britain had "divided the oil of the Middle East as though we were the conquerors and Lord Protectors of the Realm." He also charged that the U. S. has failed to take a single step to carry out our agreements made at Yalta and reaffirmed at Potsdam to loosen Turkey's grip on the Dardanelles.

Only an American foreign policy based on freedom and carried out through the UN can succeed in bringing peace to the world, he said. When our dollars for reactionary regimes have given out, he warned,

"our people will be asked to give their sons."

He assailed Truman's executive order for a witch-hunt against government employees. Truman's program endangers "every American who means liberty when he says liberty, every American who stands up for civil rights . . . every American who believed in Willkie, every American who supported Roosevelt."

## Bosses, Gov't Guilty

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I was called again to Springfield by Mr. Medill. I'm satisfied it was the intention of the director (Medill) to fire me," Scanlan said.

"When I came into his office he was pretty angry because he had just received notification of the letter sent to Gov. Green by the miners," Scanlan declared, in which they pleaded with him "to please save our lives." Scanlan continued: "After giving me quite a lecture, Medill told me he wanted me to cut down the size of my reports."

"Medill told me that these damn 'hunks' down at this mine wouldn't know the condition of the mine if I didn't call it to their attention."

Scanlan also charged that Medill and representatives of Interior Department, Secretary Krug, interfered with and delayed rescue operations at the mine after the disaster.

"The morale of the rescue crews was being broken by the mistakes and boneheads being pulled," he said.

"Had I received the right co-operation from the heads of my department we could have recovered the bodies of these miners at least 48 hours sooner than we



by BARNARD RUBIN

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SOME OF THE National Broadcasting Company's big shots are worrying about Monsignor Fulton Sheen's political broadcasts on the 6 o'clock Sunday Catholic Hour. Sheen is using time, ostensibly donated for religious purposes, as a sounding board for his political ideology which is similar to the kind of stuff that Father Coughlin used to get away with under the guise of religion.

His anti-Soviet propaganda is particularly vicious.

A la Coughlin, of course, his chief target is the Communist Party. The Party, under NBC's announced impartiality, has every right to demand time for reply to these "controversial" talks.

But above all, the radio public has the right to have the political talks they listen to labeled as such and not—falsely—as religious sermons. . . .



### TOWN TALK

Jack Pearl has declined an offer to come back to the mike as a quiz show master of ceremonies. He's looking for a situation comedy script. . . .

Chester Conklin, famed walrus-mustachioed comedian of the silent screen will act in a Roy Rogers film. He's shaved off the walrus and exchanged it for mutton-type sideburns. . . .

Rudy Blesh is giving a reception at his home Thursday afternoon for Dan Burley, managing editor of the Amsterdam News. The occasion is to celebrate Burley's waxing of his barrel house blues and skiffle piano music for Circle Records. . . .

The new Headline Cabaret will open with a bang April 20th at the Old Nick. Graucho Marx, Norman Corwin, Ella Logan, Sam Wanamaker, Minerva Pious, John McManus all sponsoring. . . .

Vicki Cummings and Frank Latimer may star in a murder mystery called The Raven's Feathers which Lee Holland plans to produce. He's one of the Bathsheba producers. . . .

Several agencies want the radio show based on the comic strip Gasoline Alley. . . .

Alfred de Lagrange is casting for the new John Van Druten play. They're the Voice of the Turtle combination. . . .

Eddie Dowling and Frank Satestein will revive The Last of Mrs. Cheyney by Fredric Lonsdale. . . .

Lewis Milestone will produce and direct John Steinbeck's "The Red Pony" in Technicolor for Republic. . . .

Mutual auditioning a new version of the old Major Bowes Amateur Hour as the result of CBS's success with Arthur Godfrey's "Talent Scout" show. . . .

Paul Moss and Yasha Frank discussing the possibility of a children's theater at the City Center. . . .

Stage for Action people looking high and low for Michael Loring. . . .

Edith Atwater, leading lady of the late Parlor Story dickering for a daytime woman's program on NBC this summer. . . .

Deep Are the Roots goes into rehearsal in London the last week of April. The cast is flying over. . . .

Earl Hyman, who created the male lead role in Anna Lucasta will play ditto in London. . . .

People's Songs last Ballads at Midnight concert this season at Town Hall April 19 will star Maxine Sullivan, Lead Belly, Frank Warner, Texas Gladden and others. Mrs. Gladden will come here from her home in Salem, Virginia, where her family has been collecting folk songs for five generations. . . .

### A HORRIBLE MISTAKE: BATHSHEBA

I rather feel sorry for all those who had anything to do with BATHSHEBA including those who pay good money to see it at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre. Nothing—and I mean nothing—could do anything with Jacques Deval's script. That includes James Mason as King David, a beautiful set or two by Stewart Chaney and a frantic last minute attempt by the producers to bring in director Coby Ruskin to patch the thing up.

I understand that Deval strenuously resisted efforts to change his script. He was right. If Shakespeare, Sarah Bernhardt, and anyone else you may care to mention, could have been hired to put some life into Deval's play—they would have failed. If—oh, the hell with this—I'm sure that all concerned want to forget about it as soon as possible. Me too. . . .

### NEWSPAPER TALK

The Daily Mirror amusement department had a shake-up. All publicity releases to the Mirror are now requested to be sent in duplicate. One to the editor of the particular department, music, theater, screen, etc.—and one to the head of the advertising department! . . .

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did," Scanlan asserted.

Scanlan also disclosed a telephone conversation between his wife and William Williams, state mining safety inspector, hours after Scanlan had urged him to rush rescue crews from all parts of the state to the scene of the disaster.

### HELD BACK

"When she called him back, he said that maybe she had better drive over to the mine and see for sure if I need that much help and then he would release the rescue teams," Scanlan declared.

"My wife said that she asked him: 'Do you mean to tell me you haven't started those teams toward the mine yet?' Williams replied to her: he added,

"Just keep your shirt on."

Scanlan commented bitterly on the hysteria whipped up through the country recently when the miners went out on strike.

"One of the causes of this disaster can be laid to a cruel and unfair public," Scanlan declared, "to the newspapers, the radio commentators, the Drew Pearsons and Walter Winchell."

"When a miner strikes they want to hang him," Scanlan charged. "The public doesn't know the conditions the miners work under."

"The coal operators know that and take advantage of it to stir up public opinion against the miners," he added.